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A "Mona Lisa" copy was almost certainly painted by one of da Vinci's apprentices.

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USCIS remits \$1.6M to NMI govt

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REPORTER

Many of the over 11,000 foreign workers with pending Commonwealth-only worker status applications have yet to get their CW permits but some \$1.6 million in "education funding fee" that employers paid have now been remitted to the CNMI government.

» **Amount covers nearly 11,000 CW applications**

The education funding fee is \$150 per foreign worker petitioned for a CW status.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in an interview yesterday, said they have already received a total of some \$1.6 million from USCIS. This amount covers the \$150 education funding fee payments for some 10,666 foreign workers since early

October 2011.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said there were 11,019 CW petitioned filed as of Dec. 9. Education funding fee from this figure is over \$1.652 million, although there were still hundreds of CW petitions filed after that date.

The money collected from the CW petition filing is supposed to be used by

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Saipan gas prices up by 10 cents, again

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Regular unleaded gasoline now costs \$4.90 a gallon at Mobil stations after the company raised its prices by 10 cents on Wednesday night, barely three weeks since the last 10-cent increase.

Super unleaded gasoline at Mobil stations is now \$5.229 a gallon, also because of a 10-cent hike.

Diesel, however, remains at \$5.319 a gallon.

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A price display at a Mobil Oil Mariana Islands service station in Garapan shows the new gasoline prices after another round of 10-cent hike on Wednesday night.

Fitch upgrades rating for CPA bonds

» **Outlook for NMI airports, seaports 'stable'**

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Global rating agency Fitch Ratings has upgraded the rating of about \$14.5 million in airport revenue bonds of the

Commonwealth Ports Authority and revised its rating outlook for CNMI airports and seaports from "negative" to "stable."

The rating for outstanding CPA series 1998A airport revenue bonds was

raised from "CCC" to "B-" to reflect compliance with the bond agreement. The airport rating outlook is revised to "stable" primarily due to the improvement on the passenger facility charge, which was designated as gross revenue of the agency through a board

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THE OATH

Members of the CNMI Boy Scouts recite the Scout's Oath in the governor's conference room where Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed yesterday afternoon three proclamations, including National Boy Scout Week from Feb. 5 to 11. Inos also proclaimed February "Parent Leadership Month" and "Responsible Fatherhood Month."

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Planned suit vs DHS over parole for jobless aliens dropped

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The CNMI government has shelved its plan to sue the U.S. Department of Homeland Security over DHS' decision to grant parole to thousands of unem-

ployed aliens in the CNMI, bringing relief to mostly jobless foreign parents of U.S. citizen children.

Attorney General Edward Buckingham said yesterday that the CNMI has engaged in productive negotiations with DHS and both sides have agreed

to four governing principles, including having those who applied with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on or before Nov. 27, 2011 reviewed within 12 months.

Those who have been extended by

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CBP prevents child sex abuse suspect from leaving the NMI

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers prevented a 23-year old man accused of sexual abuse of a minor from departing the Commonwealth on Sunday.

Manuel Sotto Cabrera was taken into custody at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport just prior to boarding a flight destined for Guam. Cabrera is on probation and was out on bail awaiting his trial in the CNMI on child sex abuse-related charges at the time of his arrest.

CBP officers, acting on a tip from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, confirmed Cabrera's identity and then notified Commonwealth Port Authority police and the Department of Public Safety. CPA police and DPS officers

confirmed Cabrera's status, and completed the arrest.

"CBP works closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to ensure our borders are secure," said CBP CNMI port director John Sullivan. "This arrest demonstrates the diligent work that CBP officers continue to display at ports of entry to keep the public safe."

CPA Police Chief Jordan Kosam said: "I commend officers from both respective federal and local law enforcement agencies for contributing to the apprehension and most especially for being diligent and vigilant at their line of work. This demonstrate partnership and overlap jurisdiction for safety and security of our traveling community." (Saipan Tribune)

Vehicle sales up 43 pct. in January

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Reflecting the national trend, automotive dealers in the CNMI are off to a good start this year, posting a 43-percent increase in new vehicle sales in January.

The Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association said yesterday it sold 60 new cars, vans, trucks and sports utility vehicles in January compared to only 42 during the same month last year.

This was after posting a 25-percent drop in sales in 2011. CADA sold only 454 new vehicles in 2011, versus 602 in 2010 and 469 in 2009.

"Maybe there's really light at the end of the tunnel," CADA secretary Douglas Brennan told Saipan Tribune yesterday. "You'd think that with all these issues on immigration, FICA and the economy, people would be reluctant to buy cars but they were buying. We see a little bit of hope."

Brennan, who is also president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and general manager of Microl Corp., hopes monthly sales will be this good throughout the year.

Microl Corp., the authorized

distributor of Toyota and Chevrolet, posted a whopping 129-percent sales increase, from 14 to 32 units in January. Brennan said Microl "had reasonable shipment," among other things.

Randy Steele, general manager of Triple "J" Motors, attributed their 31-percent sales increase in January to a successful promotion for Hyundai as well as a successful 2011 clearance. Triple "J" Motors sold 17 new vehicles in January, compared to 13 last year during the same month.

Joeten Motors, meanwhile, posted a 27-percent drop in sales in January or from 15 last year to 11 last month.

Of the 60 new vehicles sold in January, over half or 34 were cars, 13 were trucks, 10 were SUVs and three were vans.

Toyota Corolla was the most saleable car in January, followed by Hyundai Elantra, Mazda2, and Toyota Yaris. Toyota Tacoma dominated the trucks market, followed by Nissan Frontier, and Ford Ranger.

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Mayor eyes public land to build pro training ballfields in Marpi

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Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores wants the CNMI government to assign a parcel of public land where professional level training baseball fields will be built.

Flores wrote Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to ask for his support for the plan, which he said would "enhance our chances in capturing a market that has the potential of bringing more economic opportunities to Saipan."

In his letter, Flores said that professional teams from Japan and Korea composed of 80 to 100 players have made the island their traditional pre-season training site, using baseball fields in Susupe and Marpi.

"Because Japanese and Kore-

an professional baseball teams have been returning to Saipan time and again each year, we believe we must seize the opportunity to ensure their continued use of our baseball fields by building professional baseball fields that meet their standards," said Flores.

The mayor is looking at building four baseball fields, which would require a minimum of 11 hectares, in the northern part of the island "near the current off-road racetrack and land field in

Marpi." He believes that it is the "best area" for the ballfields.

"Construction of four baseball fields is consistent with suggestions we have received from professional teams that regularly come here to train," said Flores, adding that these teams include LG Twins in Korea.

He noted that the government can begin by building two base-

ball fields initially and then the other two later on.

Flores also noted that the island can also consider tapping the college baseball teams so they, too, can do their pre-season exhibition games here.

The mayor said he will be working with professional teams from Korea and Japan as well as grants to fund the project.

"With your support, we will win this game. We hope to receive your commitment that the land will be designated for the construction of the baseball fields," said Flores.

He pointed out that visiting professional baseball teams not only bring their players but also their families, baseball fans, and international media,

who in turn bring "a positive jolt to businesses all throughout the island of Saipan," including hotels, restaurants, and car rental companies.

"The business effect of teams training here are many, positive, and something our government must not let go without trying to find ways to assure its continuity," he added.

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Medicare team makes a surprise visit to CHC

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A two-member team from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is on island for a surprise visit at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Since arriving on Wednesday, the team, led by survey certificate and enforcement branch manager Rufus

Arther, has been meeting with healthcare corporation officials, hospital staff, and administrators to check the validity of a report the hospital earlier submitted to Medicare.

Healthcare corporation board chair Joaquin Torres confirmed with the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he, board member Roy Rios, and chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta met the visiting officials on their first day.

The team was seen checking out several hospital units and sections as early as 8am yesterday. They are expected to leave the CNMI today. The team had just come from Guam where they made a similar inspection of that territory's hospital.

According to Torres, the surprise visit is a routine check by the federal agency to determine if all corrective plans are being implemented as reported. There were some inquiries about the hospital's financial condition but

Torres said the team mainly wanted to make sure that the delivery of healthcare services will not be affected.

Medicare first received complaints about the quality of the hospital's services in 2010, prompting the agency to investigate. It uncovered serious deficiencies and threatened to terminate its "provider agreement" with the hospital if corrective actions are not taken. These corrective action plans were enumerated by CHC in its report. This surprise visit is part of a Medicare re-

quirement that validates the content of the plans of corrections.

Torres said the visitors noted many developments and progress relating to the deficiencies earlier cited and that they did not bring up the subject of termination.

Torres said the team was also informed about the corporation's budget—just \$5 million in seed capital for this fiscal year.

"They have many questions about our budget and the hospital finances...because they are similarly concerned that it will impact the healthcare delivery to our people," he said, adding that the two officials are concerned about the "stability" of the only public hospital on island.

CHC receives \$8 million to \$10 million in reimbursements from Medicare every year.

ERRATUM

In the story titled "MHS bests MHS2 in girls soccer, the name of MHS1 midfielder Alodia Lumasang is misspelled. It should be Alodia Lumasag. Our apologies.

Owner of burned clothing store takes witness stand

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Zheng Biao, the owner of BL Clothing Store in Garapan that went up in flames in 2010, took the witness stand yesterday afternoon soon after FirstNet Insurance Co. rested its case.

Biao, a Chinese national, is the lone shareholder of Zhen Rui Brother Corp. that owns the former BL Clothing Store. He testified he was the owner of BL Clothing Store when the fire broke out at the establishment on Oct. 30, 2010.

Biao said he was a small businessman engaged in seafood back in China and first came in 1996 to Saipan where

he worked at a garment factory until 2004. In 2004, he began working as manager of BL Clothing Store that was then owned by his uncle.

"In 2007 my uncle gave away his shares [of the corporation] to me," said Biao through an interpreter.

Biao said he then purchased fire and general liability insurance from fire policy insurer FirstNet.

FirstNet is suing Zhen Rui Brother Corp. for allegedly deliberately setting off the fire so that Biao could claim \$404,718.53 in insurance proceeds. Zhen Rui Brother Corp. is countersuing FirstNet for refusing to pay the insurance policy.

Biao agreed with Ramon Quichocho, counsel for Zhen Rui Brother Corp., that he is in court because he is claiming insurance and that FirstNet refuses to pay him.

Biao will continue with his testimony at 8am today, Friday.

Richard W. Pierce, counsel for FirstNet, called yesterday to the stand their other witnesses: Jose P. Tapel of Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (Int'l) Inc., interpreter Jean Shi, former garment factory employee Matilde C. Igitol, insurance consultant Jacques "Jim" Kirby, and certified public accountant J. Scott Magliari.

Kirby, a veteran insurance adjuster, testified that he did not see any tricky acts or bad faith in the actions of FirstNet Insurance on the insurance claims

of Zhen Rui Brother Corp.

Kirby agreed with FirstNet's decision to hire an arson investigator to look into the fire at BL Clothing. He said the hiring of investigator is necessary considering the big amount of insurance claims involved.

Biao's son, a former employee of BL Clothing Store, also took the witness stand yesterday, as well as Department of Public Safety arson investigators Nadia Saralu and Dan Suel.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is presiding over the case.

GAS

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Prices at Shell Marianas service stations remained the same as of yesterday, but the two oil giants usually mirror each other's price changes.

CNMI gasoline prices, especially those on Rota and Tinian, are the highest among U.S. states and territories. Rota and Tinian gas prices—now up to \$6.70 a gallon—are expected to increase some more following the pump price changes on Saipan.

Joy Mallick, a taxi operator and owner, said the additional 10 cents increase will make it harder for his family to make ends meet.

"As a taxi operator, our charges to customers remain the same but we pay more for gasoline. It's really bad. We don't have many tourist customers," Mallick said while buying gasoline at a Mobil service station in Garapan yesterday morning. Mallick is a member of the Saipan City Taxi Association Inc.

Donald Kileleman, a resident of Kagman, said he lost his job only in

January and paying 10 cents more for gasoline is too heavy a burden, especially with six children.

"It will definitely affect our household budget. They didn't even give us warning that they will increase prices again. So that's 20 cents more since last month. We have to pray that prices will soon go down," he said.

Joseph Fejeran, of As Lito, said their family has to cut on other expenses and that may be on grocery to make up for the added budget for gasoline.

"Seems like we're working only to be able to buy gas," he said while buying \$10 gas from a Mobil-Garapan service station.

Saipan's regular gas of \$4.90 a gallon is now closer to the CNMI's minimum wage of \$5.05 an hour.

Prices of gasoline are determined by a number of factors, including changes in the world market wholesale prices of gasoline, regional gasoline supply and demand balance, transportation costs, insurance, local distribution, marketing costs, government regulations, taxes, competitive market forces, and investments in retail stations and distribution terminals.

PAROLE

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USCIS until December 2012 will be reviewed within six months.

"There will be no further mass paroles granted...Those who do not apply will be reviewed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement for possible removal [deportation] from the Commonwealth," Buckingham told *Saipan Tribune*.

Buckingham said, "Although we have prepared the filing for a suit, we have not submitted it. Our hope is that we never have to."

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said yesterday that Buckingham's announcement is "welcome" news to thousands of foreign workers and their families because such a lawsuit, he said, would further aggravate the already problematic immigration matters in the CNMI.

Syed hopes that USCIS will continue to grant parole on humanitarian grounds.

He said he will visit Washington, D.C. and New York in a few weeks to continue to press Congress and DHS in granting improved status, particularly "green card" or pathway to U.S. citizenship to long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

Buckingham said in any negotiation, there is give and take between participants.

"What negotiation provides is certainty of an outcome for both sides. That is better than litigation which takes time, resources, and creates uncertainty for all involved," he said.

Buckingham said they decided that ongoing work is essential to maintain communication and ensure that the targets remain on track.

Federal authorities designated USCIS district director David Gulick as point of contact, while Gov. Benigno R. Fitial designated the attorney gen-

eral as POC for the CNMI.

Buckingham said they anticipate scheduled communications about every two weeks, giving an opportunity to communicate about the status of cases and the review process.

"We recognize that over 10,000 have applied and respect that USCIS has a large task. We share the common goal of applying the law fairly, consistently, and quickly so that certainty can be achieved," he said.

Buckingham said once an individual has established lawful presence in the CNMI, it reduces stress for that person. It also provides certainty for employers who know that their employees are legal, he added.

"The Commonwealth appreciates the collaboration we have experienced with the Department of Homeland Security, USCIS and ICE. We will now get to work. We will also, as a larger group, review our progress and status at the end of March.

FITCH

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resolution passed in 2011.

Fitch said that the upgrade to "B-" reflects the CPA management's actions to stabilize its operating profile and meet covenant obligations. Following three years of negative debt service coverage, CPA exceeded its 1.25 debt service coverage in fiscal years 2009 and 2010 and is expected to have coverage of approximately 2.37 for fiscal year 2011. Improved coverage levels are the direct result of the CPA's increase in airline rates and charges in fiscal year 2009 and FAA approval to use 100 percent of PFCs collected as gross revenues, as well as restrained growth in operating expenses.

"Fitch cites our recent history of maintaining compliance [2009 to present] as compared to the previous years of negative debt service coverage. Moreover, Fitch cites effective control of operating expenses and the innovative usage of PFC revenues as further factors," said CPA's comptroller Derek Sasamoto yesterday.

Fitch also affirmed its BB- rating for

the seaport and upgraded its outlook from "negative" to "stable," which means Commonwealth seaports are expected to not have any difficulty in making debt service payments and that cash flows are, in Fitch's view, sufficient to cover debt service through its five-year forecast period.

Sasamoto said the rating agency "takes comfort in the CPA's strong liquidity, and fixed rate, flat debt service profile."

Sasamoto told *Saipan Tribune* that Fitch comments on the overall credits of CPA "are a true illustration" of the results that are achievable through sincere hard work, commitment, financial discipline, and innovation.

"For CPA to achieve the success and progress it has experienced toward the end fiscal year 2009 to the present amidst dismal global economic conditions is a testament to the effectiveness of CPA's leadership and financial management," he said.

Fitch pointed out that CPA has been successful in controlling operating expenses and that cash reserves have increased, thereby increasing cash on hand. As such, Fitch is confident CPA will "remain at or above covenant [re-

quired debt service coverage] through a five-year forecast period."

According to Sasamoto, for Fitch to publish this type of confidence in the finances of CPA illustrates the efforts of CPA's dedicated workforce and commitment to financial excellence.

"Moreover, for Fitch to recognize CPA's efforts in the utilization of PFCs further affirms CPA's success and commitment to financial innovation. This achievement itself required extensive and exhaustive efforts on the part of CPA and to be recognized for it illustrates the benefits of sincere effort as well," he added.

Sasamoto shared that he was told by the Fitch analyst assigned to CPA's review that upgrades were rare this year and that CPA was one of the few clients that received an upgrade.

When asked about CPA's plan to fully achieve a positive rating outlook, Sasamoto said the agency will continue to be proactive in managing its finances. A healthy balance sheet for CPA, he said, signifies success as CPA's goal is to support its employees, clients, and customers and to ensure effective and proper facilitation of aviation and maritime activities.

USCIS

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the CNMI to train U.S. workers who will fill the void left by foreign workers who left or will leave the Commonwealth. Most private sector jobs are held by foreign workers, while government jobs are mostly held by U.S. workers.

"I hope the CNMI government will really use the money for its intended purpose—to train our children and residents to become effective members of the workforce," Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Brennan also said public schools need the government's increased focus these days. He cited as an example a new Public School System policy wherein schools, such as Marianas High School, are required to turn on their air conditioners only at 10am onwards to limit energy use.

The Fitial administration earlier said the CW education funding fee will go to PSS and Northern Marianas College to help with their vocational

education and training programs and boost the local labor pool as required by U.S. Public Law 110-229, the law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control.

The CNMI's fiscal year 2012 budget requires at least \$500,000 of the CW education funding fee to go to PSS.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) said yesterday that he "prays" the funds will be used to help prepare local students and residents replace alien workers in the CNMI.

"The funds are federal monies so they are auditable by them," he added. Yumul introduced a bill that would help direct where and how the money from the CW education funding fee should be divided. This is on top of the requirements of the fiscal year 2012 budget law.

Meanwhile, USCIS was not able to meet a Jan. 31, 2012, deadline to adjudicate all CW petitions filed on or before Nov. 28, 2011. As a result, most foreign workers are still uncertain whether they could continue working legally in the CNMI as they hope for pending the results of USCIS' decision on the CW applications.

Judge rejects 90-day sentence for notorious ex-convict

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DEQ sets Tank Beach cleanup tomorrow

The Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Tank Beach in Kagman tomorrow, Feb. 4, at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet with brigade members at the Tank Beach parking lot. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. (DEQ)

CPA amends procurement rules and regs

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is notifying the public that the CPA has promulgated amendments to its Procurement Rules and Regulations. The revised regulations established a Procurement Section; addressed the handling of abandoned property and salvaged property; addressed procurement during an emergency and calamity; updated the provisions regarding requests and proposals; clarified provisions relating to invitations for bids, clarified provisions relating to public records and the manner of their disclosure inclusive of the Open Government Act; and other minor and technical revisions. Persons or entities wishing to review the revised Procurement Rules and

Regulations should visit the CPA administration office at the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport or call 237-6500. (CPA)

Public cautioned when driving thru Isa Drive

The Department of Public Works is informing the public that there is a major construction activity at the Kagman intersection along Cross Island Road, also known as Isa Drive. The public is asked to observe the 15 mph speed limit and take precautionary measures when driving through the construction zone. (DPW)

Saipan beach site red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the DPW Channel Bridge Beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. DEQ said that samples collected from this location had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 12 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

TES early dismissal schedule

Effective Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, classes at Tanapag Elementary School will be dismissed at 2pm. For more information call the main office at 664-3425, 26, 27. (PR)

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Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has rejected a plea agreement that proposes a 90-day prison term for Ramon Cabrera Blas, a notorious ex-convict accused of robbery at the Kingfisher Golf Course in Talofofo in October.

In an order issued yesterday, Wiseman said he does not feel the 90-day sentence is just in view of the seriousness of Blas' crime.

Wiseman noted that the 52-year-old Blas has had a multitude of charges filed against him over a 50-year period, resulting in no less than 13 criminal convictions.

The judge ordered Blas to ap-

pear in court for a trial setting conference on Feb. 15, 2012 at 9am.

Blas appeared with counsel, assistant public defender Douglas Hartig, Wednesday afternoon for a change of plea hearing. Assistant attorney general Russell Lorfing represented the government.

Wiseman had initially accepted Blas' guilty plea for a count of theft but, after reviewing the plea agreement, found it unacceptable and told Blas that it was not being accepted and that he had the right to withdraw his plea.

After consulting with his lawyer, Blas withdrew his guilty plea.

In his written order, Wiseman said that Blas' many convictions resulted in sentences that totaled

44 years and nine months. Most of the sentences were suspended, though, with Blas serving only about 11 years of that and the rest on probation. Also, Blas has in many instance failed to comply with the terms and conditions his probation, Wiseman said.

"His release from jail only results in him committing more crimes and continuously placing members of our society in danger," the judge said.

Police arrested Blas last Oct.

27 shortly after he jumped into a golf cart at Kingfisher Golf Resort and sped off, taking two bags from two women that contained \$349 and other items.

The victims were playing golf at the time with some friends and had left their bags on the cart.

Blas fled on foot toward the cliffline and walked toward Jeffrey's Beach where responding police officers arrested him. The officers reportedly recovered the victims' money.

» Defendant has 13 prior criminal convictions



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Lyandra Divine Igitol Ngraked! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and pray that you will have many more birthdays to come! We love you! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, Spencer, and Leala.

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Favorable ruling sought in suit vs CEC

Marianas High School vice principal John H. Davis Jr. on Wednesday asked the federal court to issue a judgment in his favor in connection with his lawsuit against the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Davis, through counsel Jeanne H. Rayphand, said he is entitled to declaratory judgment and injunctive relief, preventing the commission and the other defendants from denying him and other U.S. citizens who are not of Northern Marianas descent the right to vote.

In his motion for summary judgment, Davis asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to rule that Article 18 Section 5(c) of the CNMI Constitution violates the 14th and 15th Amendments of the

U.S. Constitution and is therefore invalid, null, and void.

Article 12 limits landownership in the CNMI only to those of NMI descent. It is up for voter review this year. Article 18 Section 5(c) restricts voting on this issue only to those of NMI descent.

Rayphand said the court should a issue summary judgment as there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that Davis is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

Rayphand asserted that the 15th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states that "the right of citizens of the U.S. to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

The lawyer said the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states that "no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the U.S.; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Both 14th and 15th Amendments, Rayphand said, are applicable within the CNMI as if the CNMI were one of several states.

The other defendants in the case are CEC chair Frances M. Sablan, CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero, and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Glee club raises \$600 from luncheon fundraiser

» Next luncheon set on Feb. 11

Umang Glee Club of Koblerville Elementary School held a successful luncheon fundraiser last Saturday, the proceeds of which will supplement their funds when they leave for Guam next month for the 2012 Tumon Bay Music Festival.

Schobwuut Premier Consulting's Rose T. Ada-Hocog, an active Umang Glee Club parent, said yesterday that the fundraising activity held on Jan. 28 at the

Oleai Pavillion sold 310 lunch sets for \$5 each. Their net profit totaled \$600 after expenses.

The award-winning group is currently raising funds to send 25 members to defend their titles at the annual Guam festival slated for March 2 to 11.

Umang Glee Club won gold in the choir competition and was hailed the second best musical group after the Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band in last year's festival. They will serve as the opening act since Manta Ray

Band has decided to forego the Guam competition to save for their upcoming trip to the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Ada-Hocog noted, though, that they have yet to reach their goal to raise the \$4,000 they need for the club members' meals in Guam. She said that they plan to hold more luncheon fundraisers, with the next one scheduled on Feb. 11. Lunch menu will be announced soon.

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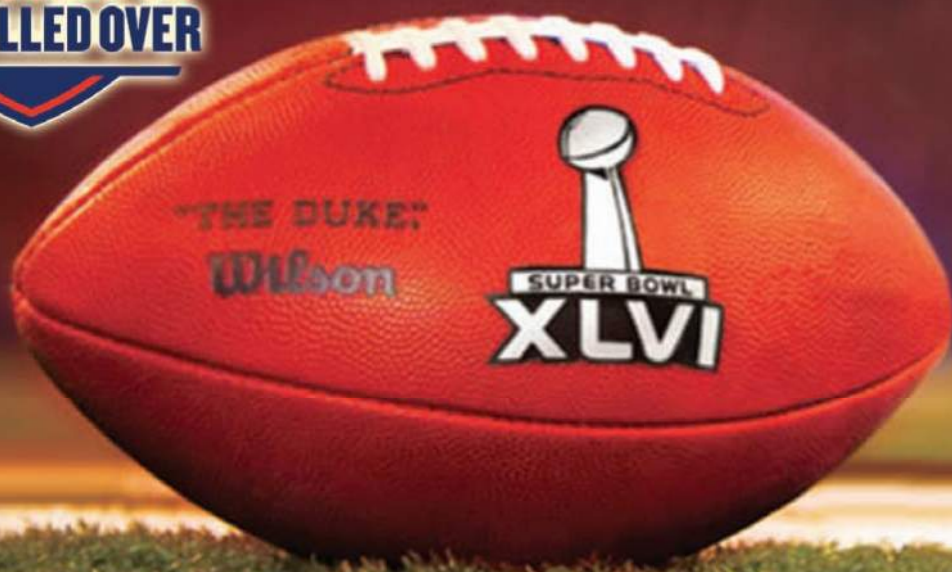
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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Feb. 3, 1999

CUC sets more consultations on water project

Apparently not satisfied with previous public hearings on the proposed water desalination plant on Saipan, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation will hold additional town meetings to find out whether it will forge ahead with the costly project. CUC officials said they still need to get more input from island residents on the proposal, which although seen to address perennial water shortage in central Saipan, it will cost the government-owned utility firm some \$100 million in the next 20 years. "It's a very expensive solution to the water problem," said CUC executive director Timothy P. Villagomez. "But I don't want to put a price into that because we do not know it."

China seeks strong partnership with CNMI

Two diplomats of the People's Republic of China yesterday met with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio seeking stronger cooperation against the backdrop of growing problems stemming from difficulties in deporting Chinese illegals in the Northern Marianas. Consul Hanchang Quin, Beijing's consul to Los Angeles, and his staff, Zhongmin Zhang, paid a courtesy call to the governor and discussed briefly PROC's desire to improve relations. According to Tenorio, the visiting officials told him that China wants to work closely with CNMI's labor and immigration department to address mutual concerns.

Feb. 3, 2000

EAGI poised to investigate CUC chief

Amid denials by the parties involved in the bribery allegations on the controversial Saipan power project, a Senate committee is set to investigate Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Timothy P. Villagomez to finally determine whether these claims from his former wife are valid. The Senate Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations will meet with the Attorney General's Office and the Office of the Public Auditor within the next few days in their search for answers on the claims contained in a purported affidavit from Alice Fleming Villagomez, who is now divorced from CUC chief.

MVA earmarks \$100K for Saipanda survey

After over one year of using Saipanda mascot in its advertising campaign in Japan, the Marianas Visitors Authority is set to evaluate whether the marketing plan worked out or not. The MVA board has approved a \$100,000 budget for an independent firm to carry out the survey on its biggest market. In the planned marketing evaluation, MVA wants to know if the consumers have associated Saipanda with the destination. "We want to know whether we are reaching our target consumers. Most of all, we want to find out if our marketing campaign is in the right direction," said Perry Tenorio, managing director of MVA. He said MVA wants to conduct a similar evaluation on its Korean market.

Feb. 3, 2003

Feds, NMI meet on refugee handling

CNMI and federal officials recently met in San Francisco to discuss new procedures for handling refugees following reports about the U.S. government's decision to suspend admission of Iraqi refugees. Department of Labor and Immigration Joaquin A. Tenorio said the meeting focused on what the CNMI can do to cooperate with the federal government with respect to refugees. "There's a treaty that was signed by the United States with respect to refugees and it applies to us. We went over there, to find out what we can do to cooperate with U.S.," he said. Tenorio clarified that there are no known refugees in the CNMI. "We don't have any refugees that I know of."

DPH to set up pilot MHS clinic

The Department of Health will activate a clinic at Marianas High School as part of the goal to bring health care services closer to students. The DPH will also set up, through a federal grant, a new community clinic in Kagman. DPH Secretary James U. Hofschneider said the department intends to push for the school-based clinics to be able to reach out to more adolescents and address their particular needs. "We'll start with MHS. This is our pilot project. We want to make our services more accessible to students. Also this gives them learning tools about public health," he said. This move, he said, aims to address problems associated with youths such as teenage pregnancies, substance abuse, and sexually transmitted diseases.

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Apple must set a higher bar for workers' safety

Over the years, Apple has built a loyal following because of its ingenuity and willingness to buck norms. Its customer base tends to be highly educated, concerned about conditions in foreign countries and affluent enough to afford the latest, cool new Apple product—such as an iPad or iPhone.

Yet many of Apple's most devoted customers are angry at the moment, and rightfully so. Last week, the New York Times published a searing expose of worker conditions at Apple subcontractor plants in China, where iPads and other Apple devices are assembled.

Many Americans are oblivious about factory conditions in China, partly because that country makes it hard for workers to report abuses and for outside groups to monitor them. But the Times was able to document an appalling pattern of worker mistreatment by Apple subcontractors at several factories, including ones owned by Foxconn Technology, one of Apple's biggest partners worldwide.

The list of abuses includes workers exposed to poisonous chemicals; workers forced to work excessive overtime seven days a week; workers stuffed into overcrowded dorms and laboring at risk of deadly explosions. Within seven months last year, the Times reports, four people were killed and 77 injured in two explosions, including one at a site where employees polish thousands of iPad cases each day.

Apple put itself ahead of many companies by adopting a code of conduct in 2005 that has led the company to audit subcontractors, report problems and reveal plans for preventing violations. All that is good, but if you comb through Apple's reports from previous years, you'll find numerous vague references to unnamed suppliers who committed violations. That kind of obfuscation makes it hard for outside groups to verify the company's findings, particularly its claims of improved conditions at certain plants.

Even more troubling is Apple CEO Tim Cook's response to the New York Times story. In an email to employees, Cook didn't dispute any factual findings in the report, but he sounded personally insulted that anyone would question Apple's commitment to worker safety in its supply chain.

"Any suggestion that we don't care is patently false and offensive to us," Cook wrote. "As you know better than anyone, accusations like these are contrary to our values."

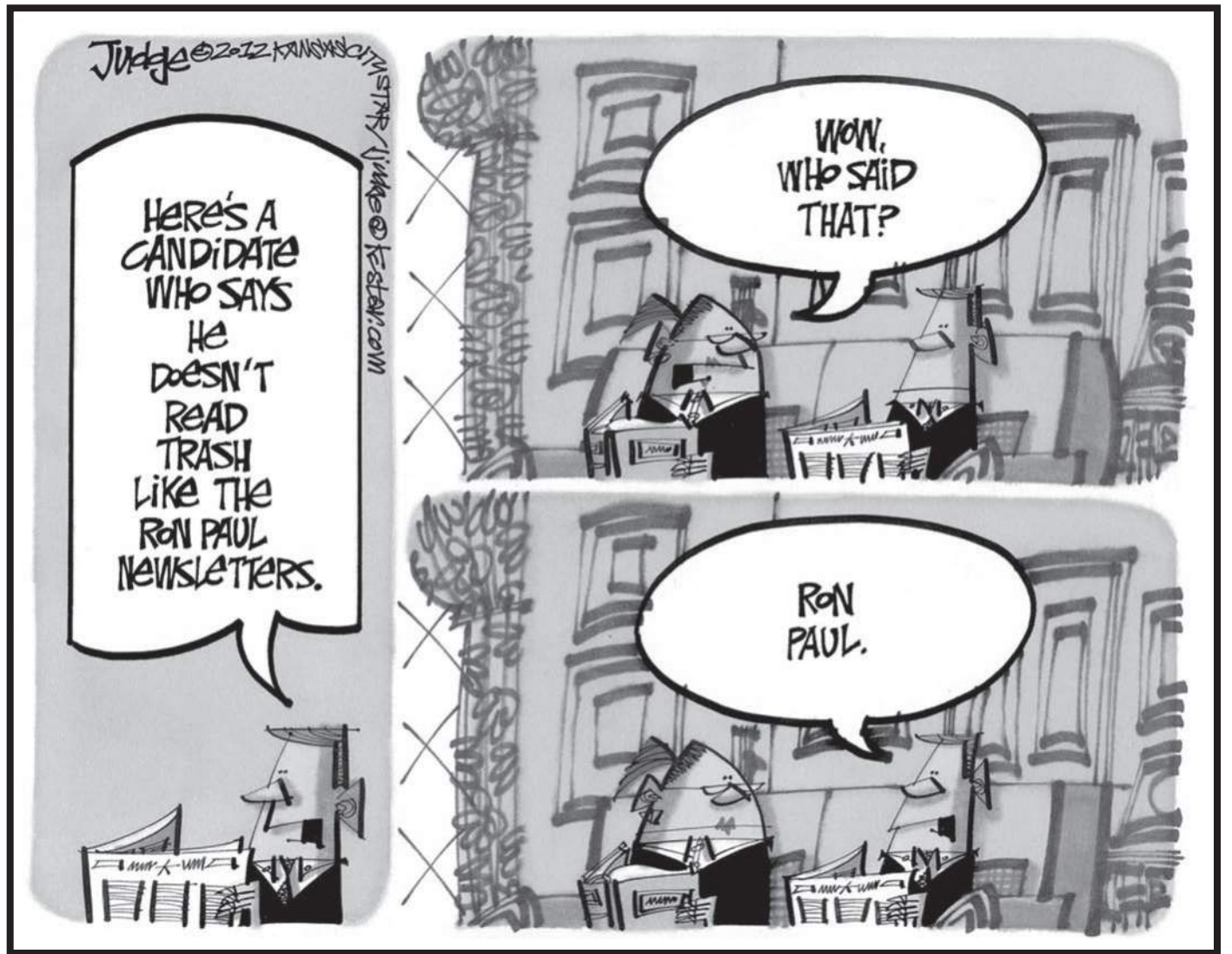
What should be really offensive to Cook and Apple is not accusations but reality. All too often, Apple's products are built on the backs of overseas workers who are mistreated, overworked, and exposed to dangerous work environments.

Yes, Apple is ahead of many companies in monitoring and correcting problems. But it is also the fastest growing of any tech company. The sheer volume of products it assembles and sells—especially in a country as sprawling and closeted as China—posits questions about whether Apple can track abuses in real time.

On the other hand, Apple is known for achieving the unimaginable and holding itself to higher standards. Any company that can create something as innovative as the iPad should be able to ensure its supply chain protects the environment and human dignity.

There ought to be an app for that.

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The culture of money

For those of us who take more than a cursory curiosity over the strands of time in the journey of the human race, and the expanse of space in every crack and cranny of planet Earth, the culture of money is certainly at the head of the class as the organizing principle of our era.

As sixth grade Social Studies students will tell you, humans exchanged produce first through barter before settling to using animals, primarily cows, as the medium of value exchange. In some places, the shells of mollusks were used even up to the middle of the previous century in the Pacific.

China in 100 AD started with metal money and coins; four centuries later, Lydia (Turkey) came out with silver that evolved through the Aryan-Greco-Roman empires into the familiar round form we know today.

Danes slit citizens' noses when they failed to pay poll tax before the last millennium, thus the phrase "pay through the nose." Paper currency appeared in China, while the *wampum* (beads) flourished in North America before the European contact. England adopted the gold standard in 1816 tying it to banknotes; the U.S. came on board the standard in 1900, forsaking it after the 1929 crash and Great Depression.

Ben Franklin ruled the world for a while until the click of the mouse digitized monetary value into the electronic currency that measures phantom wealth today.

Money has become the economic measure of value, and the political world, even in today's U.S. presidential election, staggers under the image that it is for sale to the highest bidder.

After Liza Minnelli and Joey Grey belted out *Money Makes the World Go Round* in the movie *Cabaret*, money was confirmed as the meaning-giver in ascertaining the significance of our lives, and culture took on Uncle Sam's signs, a Franc Force, a Pound Label, and the universal Yen preceded the Yuan to organize the value of our lives.

Money in the economic process is simply the medium of exchange, giving value to the utilization of resources, the production of goods, and the distribution of services. It is an instrument without an intrinsic value, a relational measure subject to the value of the objects it is relating, and to the "eye of the beholding relator." Or, in our current dispensation, to the realtor!

The image in a three-sided polarity is the triune pole of resource, production, and distribution. Money is the medium of exchange in the distribution pole.

In our current scheme of things, the distribution pole in the economic process has become the giant that dominates resource and production. A pair of rubber shoes sold in the mall for \$180 is worth \$10 at the resource and production end, which means that the cost and profit of distribution—financing, marketing and sales—makes up the \$170 difference.

The guardians of finances take up a substantial portion of that

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cost. In fact, the U.S. economy relies on our dominance in the financial markets and systems. We peg that on our self-appointed financial stewardship on oil, and since we abandoned gold as the standard value of our currency, we ensure our superiority through our military presence around the globe that now consumes 50 percent of government budget.

Production is outsourced. But the size and value of the financial system, a non-productive enterprise from which we profit, gives us enormous wealth, and we see the collapse of that financial system as markets around the world are impinged by the reality check of the hollowness at the core of our projected wealth. Making money out of money is not a productive enterprise.

Banks are the guardians of our monetary system, and if accounts are to be trusted, the reason the books showed incredible growth in our financial markets during the Clinton administration was that the President kept his hands off Wall Street.

Deregulation begun during Reagan's administration allowed the financial sector to grow into its monstrous size at the cost of exploiting resources and cheapening the integrity of production forces and instruments. Wealth shifted to the distribution pole, and the managers of the financial houses raked in the proceeds.

Were we to look at this from a dialectical window, a three-sided triangle of economic-political-cultural processes, the economic dominates the political, and the cultural is enslaved into submission. In the three poles of the economic process, distribution overwhelms production, and dominates resource. Money is ensconced in the middle as king, the all time regulator of everything that moves and breathes. Money does make the world go round.

Watch our discourse on the future of the CNMI. The casino sleight-of-hand continues to be about bringing in other people's money. Our resentment over Uncle Sam is that the money it brings has strings attached, and because we want the money, we reluctantly dance to the tune that comes along.

I have yet to see a projection of where the CNMI is headed that describes how people live for the pleasure of living, and not for the security of a job or a career where the value of one's future is determined by the income we secure, rather than the quality of our expenditure and labor.

Anything we can do?

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Another defense briefing from the Last Command Post

The Asia-Pacific arms race has cranked up another notch, and, in fact, it's already on afterburners for 2012. So I will once again assume command of my beach chair at the Last Command Post, whereupon I shall deliver a strategic briefing.

Or, maybe I'll just talk a lot.

Anyway, here's the buzz for the week: What is being trumpeted as one of the world's largest military aviation deals was unveiled a couple of days ago, with India slated to drop a reported \$11 billion to acquire 126 French Rafale fighters. This isn't a direct issue for Saipan, but a weapons purchase of this size does introduce a few points worth heeding for our regional military situation, since the entire area is a quilt of all sorts of national rivalries and tensions.

Incidentally, the various news stories about the Rafale deal are still sorting themselves out. I've seen the value of the deal reported as various amounts, and there are various opinions about how likely the deal is to fall through. Still, there's obviously something in the works.

Saipan can be excused for not thinking about France or India very often, if at all. But it's an instructive example of how the broader Asia-Pacific area is a multi-polar proposition, where it's more than just the "superpowers" influencing the grand equation.

So, though it's easy to keep your eye on the ball when there's just one football and two teams, the Pacific's situation is a lively strategic billiards game with over a dozen players taking shots.

Though it's trendy in the U.S. to dismiss France as inconsequen-

tial, France is the world's third largest nuclear power, according to the warhead tally listed in the Status of World Nuclear Forces 2011 report by the Federation of American Scientists. France has a lot of storied history in the Pacific, and it's also one of the globe's blue chip weapons and aerospace dealers.

So it's little wonder that France keeps popping up where the action is. This year's India action was preceded by a deal signed last year to sell \$1.7 worth of amphibious assault vessels to Russia. Yes, that's right, the Russian navy is buying French ships, and serious warships at that, not little coastal showboats.

Uncle Sam is a French defense customer as well. The U.S. Coast Guard has operated French aircraft for decades, notably Dolphin helicopters and Falcon jets.

Speaking of aircraft, on the civvy side of things, at least three French helicopters have been operated on Saipan over the years. And much of the Commonwealth's airline service comes via aircraft assembled in, yes, France.

Looking back at the military realm, big bucks are being invested in Asian defense by nations small and large. I don't have a comprehensive list of the action, but I'll just note from memory a few big deals that are in the works, though things can always change so I make no guarantees: Indonesia has ordered three Korean submarines for over \$1 billion in total, and it is also reportedly ordering 100 tanks (yes, tanks) from Holland. Vietnam has ordered six Russian submarines in a \$3 billion dollar deal, and this year it should start taking delivery of the first of a dozen Russian SU-30 fighter

What are natural rights?

In the continuing debate to keep or repeal Article 12, there are those (who apparently didn't do well in their high school civic class: Problems of American Democracy) who'd brave that Section 805 of the agreement and Article 12 are the supreme laws of the land.

There's also the assertion that even the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals said that Article 12 is constitutional. Wrong! I have carefully reviewed that decision. Nowhere did the court address the constitutionality of that provision. It only took both flags and said it's fine.

Now, natural or inherent rights per the U.S. Constitution (supreme law of the land) are "unalienable," meaning they can't be infringed nor violated by anyone. It is God-given and more the reason that the founding fathers included it as part of the Constitution. It means that the role of government is to protect these rights from violation. Government becomes the agent of the people in the protection of their inalienable rights.

The Declaration of Independence says, "The right to property and other natural rights aren't merely powers, and neither are they simply wishes or desires. 'Endowed by their Creator,' these rights transcend the ability of any government to destroy them. Thus, these inherent or natural rights produce legitimate government and deny the legitimacy of any government justified merely on, for example, heredity, religion, class, race or wealth."

Please note the phrase, "Endowed by their Creator" in the rights of ALL citizens to own property. I didn't spin nor invent the term "natural" rights to win an argument. I just thought it fitting that you understand it versus "civil" rights, i.e. the right to freedom of expression, press and vote. The latter rights could be denied anybody who injures the rights of others. For example, if you are a felon then out the window goes your right to vote.

I'm sure you'd agree that we've never given our natural rights to government. For authors of Article 12, apparently you never paid attention to briefings by legal consultants on the distinct difference between natural, civil, and human rights. Interesting that you are irrationally afraid

of property losses that belong to other fellow citizens. If it's my land, can you really tell me how to dispose of my property? You even used bigotry and ethnicity to promote your half-cocked cause. But then what could we expect from "has been" effete struggling for some semblance of relevancy they no longer could sustain with their exhausted grip?

Some have deferred to the UN Declaration of Indigenous Rights as the single pill that cures their ethnocentric view. Wow! The U.S. is a signatory to that document and signed only after a provision that says there shall be no discrimination in any U.S. soil.

I've had my share of frustrations with the current U.S./NMI relationship. But fighting off inequalities and compromising the principle of the "consent of the governed" with bigotry and ethnicity only feeds the ego while posturing, but fails to realistically resolve anything. We have to grow and own up to our responsibilities by strengthening our democratic institutions. We haven't done this in recent past other than fan the fire of nepotism and cronyism while trashing the merit system. I see that you've turned "We the people" on its head into "We the few" people!

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Discordance: Covenant and Republican

The decision by Republicans to run independent didn't spin out of thin air. It illustrates their commitment to the principle of inclusion and weren't ready to pander to the whims of someone like the new head of the GOP who'd sacrifice everything for want of power. Most who decided to stay the course of principle-based decision will return to the old chamber next year. I'm not sure though that the Covenant and Republican effete would enjoy the same privilege.

The abandonment of the Covenant by the new GOP chief left a huge void in the hearts and minds of loyal followers who quiz: We worked for this and earned our dues; why is everybody else from without being rewarded our trophy? It's a legitimate query no one could satisfy at this juncture, not even the newly crowned GOP chief. It would be a tough referendum for both Republicans and Covenant parties this midterm election.

The intra-party feud has mushroomed into clouds eighty miles high. Independent candidates would do better going it alone. It adds

Anaks swimming pool—you'll find a different world. You'll find the 99 percent of the CNMI's residents that are seldom heard in public forums. We are that 99 percent.

We measure our time on these islands not by years but by centuries, and for us the CNMI is our identity, not just a stopping-off point or job contract. We spend our weekends in church and at family fiestas, not at golf courses and hotel buffets. We are often those dreaded "government employees" or "political hires" that you love to look down upon, and many of us don't meet your high standards for world travel experiences or elite education (on the other hand, some of us do have degrees from the world's finest universities, and even more of us have served in the world's finest military).

We're the ones who support Article 12 because we like the Marianas' family landownership system the way it is. We're also the

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jets it bought. Japan recently placed an order in the range of \$5 billion to \$7 billion for Lockheed's high-tech F-35 fighter, and South Korea is also on the prowl for more jet fighters, ready to drop \$7.4 billion on the endeavor.

Whew! That's just the tip of the iceberg, just a few of the players involved, and merely the stuff that happened to catch my attention.

Because of the number of players involved, and the amount of serious hardware going every which way, and some nagging economic puzzles, I think the Asia-Pacific military future is impossible to predict. And I'm a guy who likes to make brash predictions. But this one's got me stumped.

Well, this concludes my briefing. I'll fold up my beach chair now as everyone piles in their cars to steer for happy hour.

And once again the long shadows descend on the Last Command Post, which resumes its silent vigil.

By JOHN DELROSARIO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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credence to their commitment to the principle of integrity. Why chance enslavement found in the colloquial expression that would hail from governance: Same difference? Why choose to fly with an exhausted flock?

Up ahead, neither Covenant nor Republican could sustain control of the political landscape, not when governance is in the abyss of abject poverty that would be around for another decade. The disastrous plunge of the local economy and its lethal negative effects are trophies they've given to the simple folks in the villages. I'm sure governance isn't ready to repeat another bout with failed leadership from both parties. It's time to rein in a breed of educated and credentialed leadership capable of reasoning and listening to the voice of governance. Governance deserves complete change of the old guard in order to recapture the future of these isles.

Hovering in the heavens are fearful black clouds of failed leadership. Governance legitimately fears worsening conditions sinking even further into the abyss of total hardship. How do you change the mind of struggling employees suffering from austerity as the price of food, gasoline, and other necessities skyrocket? How do you secure confidence of governance when nothing works to help them as they suffer hopelessness in unemployment? How do you pacify their pain in the loss of the first family home? How do you explain the refusal of this administration to implement the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program here? Your only salvation is an economic miracle and it isn't anywhere in the horizon either!

Letter to the Editor

The 1 percent

If you read newspaper comments, blogs, or letters to the editor, you might get the wrong idea about public opinion in the CNMI. The same small and vocal group of critics is over-represented in those forums, over and over. We hear about their opposition to Article 12, we hear about their rejection of traditional island culture, and we definitely hear about their disgust at anything "native." Hearing only from them, you might think that this is what the people of the CNMI people believe. But it just isn't so.

If you venture outside the blogs, the letters to the editor, and the online posts—and yes, outside Coffee Care, Godfather's, and

ones who fear our island being taken over, culturally, socially, and politically, by outsiders. And it's us who support the atmosphere of respect and the pride in families that many of you don't like. We're the ones who want to have a family barbecue maybe too close to your golf course, or let our boonie dogs run maybe too close to your purebred. And a lot of us here in the 99 percent chew *pugua* and drink Budweiser and *tuba*. Deal with it!

Don't worry. We won't be occupying anything, other than maybe the back of a pickup truck. But it's time for you, the 1 percent who are so vocal, to be reminded that we here in the 99 percent are still around. And most likely we'll still be around long after you've left these islands. *Biba Marianas!*






Diego C. Blanco

As Lito, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly sunny with scattered showers early becoming isolated by afternoon. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲84° ▼76°	▲85° ▼76°	▲85° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼75
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85 ▼80
Kosrae	Showers	▲85 ▼80
Majuro	Showers	▲86 ▼79

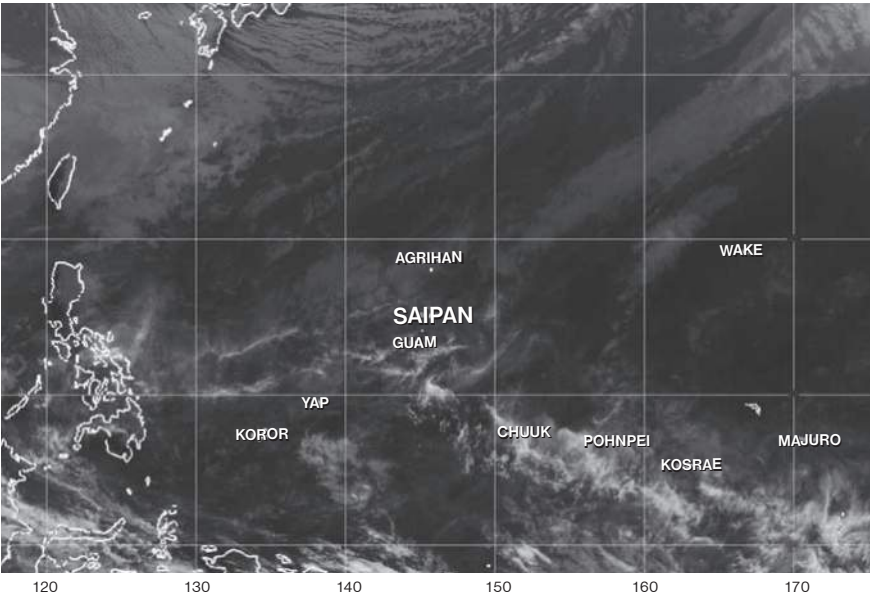
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲71 ▼63
Beijing	Sunny	▲36 ▼14
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲57 ▼56
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼68
London	Mostly Sunny	▲39 ▼28
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲71 ▼44
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼76
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼60
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼68
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲47 ▼31
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲43 ▼34
Paris	Sunny	▲31 ▼23
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲40 ▼29
Rome	Ice	▲43 ▼34
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲53 ▼35
San Francisco	Sunny	▲64 ▼44
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲32 ▼24
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲42 ▼32
Washington, DC	Showers	▲55 ▼35

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
5:45 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet	
10:02 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	
3:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
11:08 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from east of Minami Tori Shima at 25N163E to east of Agrihan at 19N153E then continues as a shear line to 15N146E then ends southeast of Yap as a surface trough at 3N140E. Scattered showers are found along and within 150 miles northwest of the cold front. Patchy rain is found along and within 150 miles of the shear line and scattered showers are southeast of Yap and Koror within 150 miles on either side of the trough. A shear line branches off from the cold front south of Minami Tori Shima at 21N152E and continues to west of Saipan at 15N142E then across Yap and Koror to end at 7N130E. Widely scattered showers are found along and up to 200 miles northwest of the shear line. A surface trough east of Kosrae curves from 5N165E to 12N159E then northeastward to end west of Wake Island at 21N164E. Scattered showers are found east of Kosrae and Pohnpei within 100 miles of the surface trough.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:46 AM	6:16 PM
Saturday	6:46 AM	6:16 PM
Sunday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM
Monday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM
Tuesday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:02 PM	2:29 AM
Saturday	2:55 PM	3:20 AM
Sunday	3:49 PM	4:11 AM
Monday	4:45 PM	5:00 AM
Tuesday	5:42 PM	5:48 AM

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FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
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FRE 200	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
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Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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Letters to the Editor

Time for a total revolution

The real reason the CNMI is broke and will never be fixed? The biggest reason is shown in a photograph on the *Tribune's* front page with the caption: "Former lieutenant governor and speaker Diego Benavente, left, confers with *his cousin* Rep. Froilan Tenorio." When will you people *stop voting for your relatives*? OMG!

There is only one main reason that the CNMI is broke and it from this malignancy that all the other problems have spread out and are now attacking the whole economic body of the CNMI. Locals are running the show. End of story. If you got rid of the ignorant leeches that are sitting up on Capitol Hill who are all "related" to each other and bleeding the island with no true desire to rebuild it, you would pave the road for real change.

What a disgraceful fall from the top, the CNMI leadership—or I should say the few families that arrogantly run and steal from the island—in only one decade! You should be ashamed of yourselves. In the '90s you had an annual budget of \$225 million, a Retirement Fund that had \$500 million, and tourism numbers in the 700,000-plus. And

two tax revenue industries—garment and tourism—that were given to you by other countries. You didn't develop these industries. It was foreigners who brought their products and marketing and management expertise to the island. It was an economic freebie, CNMI, a perfect lazy man's gift. And then all the free federal money to build your roads, schools. Not bad for a little rock 5 miles by 10 miles in size that isn't relevant to any global politics, economy, or anything actually. Now your budget has shrunk embarrassingly to only around \$100 million. Your Retirement Fund stolen from and now down to around \$250 million, and tourism numbers down to around 400,000. What a "local" leadership failure! A total disgrace!

Oh, and let's add more to the list of leadership failures that are beyond belief: 1) The disgrace of your leaders being imprisoned for being criminals and stealing federal funds and other mischief, and now you have some political leaders being accused of selling ice. 2) The failure of CUC to provide affordable power. 3) The failure of

CHC to provide quality healthcare.

It's time for mandating a total revolution and change to the way your lives are being managed by total idiots that could not survive or succeed off-island in a normal job. The local Budweiser boys up on Capitol Hill could never survive in the real corporate world or build companies abroad as entrepreneurs. But you're letting them ruin your lives, as short as those lives already are due to diabetes and other health problems endemic to the islands caused by unhealthy eating and lifestyle issues. Wake up, CNMI, stop electing your relatives! They are destroying your world and causing serious damage to the hearts and minds of your children. And in the end the mayhem they unleashed on the CNMI economically will eventually affect your personal health and mental well-being. *Viva la revolution!*

Chris West
Santa Monica, Calif.

Now that's one positive move

Good job for our former mayor San Nicolas and Tony Pellegrino. I know things are easier said than done. Just from reading the article about the slaughterhouse and the feeds bring back memories of the past. Many who have been waiting for this have already passed away and I just wish that they are here today to see this happen.

It will take time before everyone can make any income but if we start now, then we will succeed. Too much talking and no action is not good. This agricultural business will provide jobs and sustainable living for the people of CNMI. Agricultural skills are abundant here in the CNMI. Many of us know how to farm and raise livestock. This will help us increase our economy.

It's been almost 30 years that we've been listening to the wrong people and looking for investments in the wrong place. Well, there you go. To live, all we need is food, shelter, and clothing. In order to help each other, we need to start now. Stop what you're doing now, join, and make money for ourselves. Let's start our own investments.

Let's grow our own money, teach our children to plant and raise livestock for their future living. Teach them to cook healthy meals and clean and protect our environment. Guide them to be contributing citizens to our community and our world. Show them that we have dignity and respect for ourselves by helping them learn with what we have and what we can provide. Help them to understand that by sustaining what we have, we can build a strong community.

Show our children that with modern technology, we can develop new techniques to build a better world for everyone. Not sustaining your roots will kill you. Mandate our Education Department to include Agricultural Science in our children's curriculum. Encourage our lawmakers make laws to protect our natural resources and our way of living. I know that tourism is our major industry but I think it's time to educate our guests to follow our regulations and protect our environment from any unintentional destruction.

Thank you for hiring Heinz Hofschneider to be a consultant at the Retirement Fund. I think it's the right choice, someone with a college background to help us with the Fund. Now can you hire our

people with college degrees to fix CUC?

I think it's time this community work together and form an *ayuda*

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Letters to the Editor Misdiagnosis

Dr. Brian Sullivan should be most capable of simple research. But he must have been hearing the echo of babies crying in the ward and decided to be a "cry baby" too as to misdiagnose the issue.

The piece was purposely written in impersonal fashion

out of respect for the other doctors and nurses who give it their all, i.e., ER, floor, and ICU. You were the one who belittled the surgeon by actually using his name. I know the truth hurts but journalistic diagnosis in this case was prescribed with real set of documents from CHC,

Where's the beef?

Searching for solutions to all the woes of the CNMI government could never be settled by contemplation alone. The Retirement Fund's wisdom to hire a special consultant even without knowing beforehand the deliverables involved is not smart and logical, to say the least. I am not sure whether the principal involved with this

sole-source procurement knows the difference between "cure by abreaction" and "cure by synthesis." Time will tell whether this whole situation is in the best interest of the members of the Retirement Fund, and whether we would isolate where the real blame is when things do not pan out well with the economics and

including an interview where I got my information directly from the horse's mouth.

Your claim that you could get better pay in U.S. hospitals raises yet a more focused query: Then why are you here, sir? Is it because of perks like free transportation and housing? Would you have come out if you were to pay for both expenses? But you couldn't pass up a stint in the tropics where you're here basically on a prolonged vaca-

tion paid for by taxpayers.

Morale is equally low everywhere, especially among simple folks in the villages. And if there's any reason I opted to write about CHC it's because it matters to me that it stays open, being the sole hospital out here. Nothing sinister came with that piece.

Like in any other profession, there are good and bad apples and right now the fact that you missed diagnosing truth from fiction tells me a lot about your overblown

bang for the dollar.

In retrospect, the Retirement Fund is lacking actuarial and investment expertise. Is the contractor of this sole-source contract capable of either of these specialized pension works? If not, what in heaven's name is the Retirement Fund's ethical response to this seemingly poor

procurement undertaking? Let the contractor produce his credentials and work experiences that would satisfy a just and valuable service to the members of the Retirement Fund. Frankly, where is the beef in this?

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

ego more so than your capabilities as an MD. Get your facts straight. Shame on you!

John S. DelRosario Jr.
As Gonno, Saipan

Bringing pugua stateside

Having traveled abroad on occasional family visits, it has come to a frustrating point where I ask myself how my own people must have been asking themselves the same question over and over again: Why is it that our own palm nut product can't make it to the U.S. mainland—be it through mail or carry-on? Why is it that we are U.S. citizens yet our very own product cannot be imported into the mainland, yet similar products from a foreign land make it through customs and are for sale almost everywhere in most Asian stores?

For starters, I want to be able to bring along my own supply whenever I travel for my own personal use but I'll be willing to share with my fellow island brothers and sisters. Although it may not be regulated for medicinal purposes as cannabis, it has been widely used in my tiny homeland by our elders and young alike for decades. We don't refer to it as palm nuts but betel nut by most, *puu* in my native Refaluwasch tongue or *pugua* in Chamorro.

Although it can somewhat be considered a form of drug, it is to my knowledge a local stimulant when mixed with the whole works. Don't get me wrong, it can and will cause oral cancer but if one was to really look into statistics, I'm pretty sure smoking cigarettes still ranks much higher. The point here is, how can I have my local stash be allowed to travel with me or be shipped to me into the mainland without having to worry of it being confiscated by authorities? I promise this, I'll even vacuum pack it, just like the humongous ones I find here in the mainland.

Tik Kapileo
Twining Dr., OK

NOW

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program for our community. We need to help cool down the madness in the CNMI, otherwise we all end up in doom. Believe me, we can blame our leaders and keep changing them, but things will remain the same unless we too do our part.

Our ancestors always had a town meeting to discuss what are the things that need to be done in the community and everyone present who had skills or knowledge on what to do would volunteer and lead that project. This is what needs to be done. Find those people and ask them to help us.

Winnie Atalig,
San Jose, Tinian

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Ferry sinks off Papua New Guinea with 350 aboard

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—Rescuers have plucked 50 survivors from the sea off Papua New Guinea's east coast after a ferry sank Thursday with as many as 350 people on board, officials said.

An airplane from Australia, three helicopters and six ships were scouring the search area after the MV Rabaul Queen went down while traveling from Kimbe on the island of New Britain to coastal town of Lae on the main island, Australian Maritime Safety Authority said in a statement.

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard called the incident a "major tragedy" and said her country was providing assistance to its near neighbor.

"Given the likely very high loss of life here, I think when this news comes to the attention of Australians around the country they will be thinking about the people of PNG as they respond to this tragedy," she added.

The Australian maritime agency initially detected the ferry's distress beacon and alerted the PNG Maritime Rescue Coordination Center, which is coordinating the rescue effort. The Australian statement said "approximately 50 people have been rescued so far."

It said 350 people were believed to be on board, but Papua New Guinea's National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA) rescue co-ordinator Captain Nurur Rahman said the true figure was likely lower.

"I cannot confirm or deny the 350 missing number. It is hearsay," Rahman said. "I have not seen the manifest as yet, but it is likely around 300."

Rahman said he was being fed information from an NMSA agent on board one of the ships.

"The dynamics of this thing are changing all the time, minute by minute," he said.

Ship operator Star Ships could not be immediately contacted for comment.

Armatech moves to Lower Navy Hill site

Armatech Corp., a company that deals mainly with electrical jobs, motor rewinding, security systems, and PBX system, telephone installation, and LED lights, has moved to a new and bigger office in Lower Navy Hill.

From its Garapan office beside Gene's Barber Shop, Armatech is now located next to the Twins Market and with a 900-square-foot office, it has a wider area to accommodate their generation repair and motor rewinding services.

Operations manager Bong D. Malasarte led the blessing of their new office on Monday. Fr. Celso Magbanua officiated the ceremony that was also attended by Armatech employees, their family members, and friends.

Malasarte said their decision to move was prompted by the larger working space in an industrial area.

"With our new location, we are big enough for our motor rewinding and generator repair, which used to be available only in our Susupe office," he said, noting that the Susupe office will still be open to customers in the south-



Fr. Celso Magbanua, center, lead the blessing of the new Armatech Corp. office on Monday. Armatech's Garapan office has been moved next to Twins Market in Lower Navy Hill.

ern part of the island.

While they have some government agencies as their customers, Malasarte said that majority of their clientele are from the private sector such as hotels.

"We hope that they would continue

to support Armatech this 2012 and beyond," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

For more information, visit the new Armatech office next to Twins Market in Lower Navy Hill or call 234-8895. (Clarissa V. David)

Premature Rupture of Membranes (PROM) During Pregnancy

What is it?

The amniotic sac, or membranes, contains the amniotic fluid and baby. This sac usually breaks during the early stages of labor and is often called 'breaking the water.'

Sometimes the sac breaks early- hours or days before contractions begin. This is called premature rupture of membranes, or PROM. If it happens before 37 weeks of pregnancy it is called preterm premature rupture of membranes, or PPRM.

How common is it?

Luckily, neither is that common. PROM occurs in less than 15% of pregnancies. PPRM occurs in less than 3% of pregnancies.

Is it serious?

Yes. PPRM accounts for about 34% of all premature births. Other concerns are increased risk of infection in you and your baby and cord prolapse, meaning the cord comes out in front of the baby's head.

How do you know if you have it?

Leaking or gushing of fluid is the only symptom. If you think your water broke, see your health care provider.

What you can do?

- Get regular prenatal care
- Eat healthy
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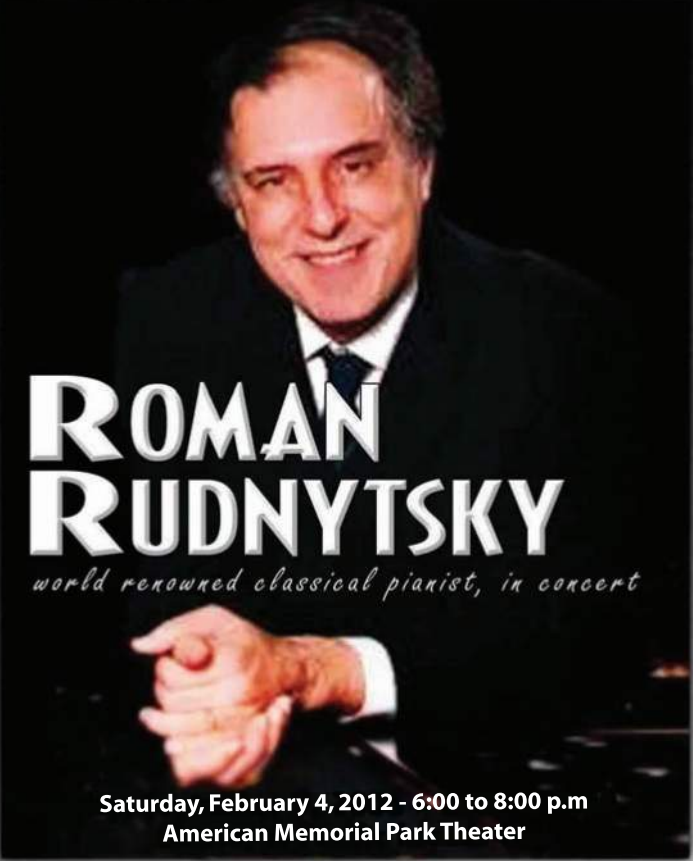
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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Status update: Facebook to go public, raise \$5B

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook made a much-anticipated status update Wednesday: The Internet social network is going public in a stock offering that could value it at as much as \$100 billion, eight years after its computer-hacking CEO Mark Zuckerberg started the service at Harvard University. That means anyone with some cash will be able to own part of a Silicon Valley icon that quickly transformed from dorm-room startup to cultural touchstone. If its initial public offering of stock makes enough friends on Wall Street, Facebook will probably make its stock market debut in three or four months as one of the world's most valuable companies. In its regulatory filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Facebook Inc. indicated it hopes to raise \$5 billion by selling a small percentage of its shares to the public in its IPO.

Romney supports automatic hikes in minimum wage

EAGAN, Minn. (AP)—Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney renewed his support Wednesday for automatic increases in the federal mini-

mum wage to keep pace with inflation, a position sharply at odds with traditional GOP business allies, conservatives and the party's senior lawmakers. "I haven't changed my thoughts on that," the former Massachusetts governor told reporters aboard his chartered campaign plane, referring to a stand he has held for a decade. He did not say if he would ask Congress to approve the change if he wins the White House this fall. The last increase, approved in 2007, took effect in three installments and reached \$7.25 an hour for covered workers effective July 24, 2009.

Oil hovers below \$98 amid mixed US demand signs

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered below \$98 a barrel Thursday in Asia amid mixed signs about the strength of U.S. crude demand. Benchmark crude for March delivery was down 1 cent at \$97.60 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 87 cents to settle at \$97.61 on Wednesday. Brent crude was steady at \$111.56 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange in London.

2012 already looks like a winner for automakers

DETROIT (AP)—2012 is al-

ready looking like a winner for automakers—just one month into the year. U.S. sales of new cars and trucks rose 11 percent to 913,287 in January. New models, low interest rates and better loan availability helped buyers overcome lingering worries about the economy and pushed the sales pace to its highest level since the Cash for Clunkers program in August 2009. Chrysler had its best January in four years. Toyota and Honda were back in the game, getting boosts from important new vehicles. Volkswagen, which wants to aggressively expand in the U.S., reported big increases.

Woman wins small-claims suit over Honda hybrid mpg

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Southern California owner of a Honda hybrid car won her unusual small-claims court lawsuit against the automaker over the vehicle's failure to deliver its stated fuel economy. Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Douglas Carnahan awarded Heather Peters \$9,867 on Wednesday, saying Honda did mislead her about the expected mileage. "At a bare minimum Honda was aware ... that by the time Peters bought her car there were problems with its living up to its advertised mileage," he wrote in the judgment.

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Tuesday, February 7, 2012
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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA - February 7, 2012 Agenda
- IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - July 28, 2011 Minutes of Meeting
- V. REPORT
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Executive Director
 - c) Fiscal Committee
 - d) State Plan Committee
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) 2012 Regional Self Advocacy Summit (March 28 & 29, 2012)
 - b) FEMA Training
 - c) CNMI Service System Data Collection
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
- IX. NEXT MEETING
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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Vega Shrimp 1 lb. \$5⁹⁹ Limit 1	NZ Greenshell Mussels Sanford 2 lbs. \$5⁹⁹ 3 DAYS ONLY FEB. 3-5, 2012	Chicken Wings 3 lbs. \$6⁹⁹ /PACK 5.35 lbs. \$12⁹⁹ /PACK	Milk Fish \$1⁵⁹ /LB	Dragon 100% Vegetable Oil 1 Gal. \$9⁹⁹	AVO Vegetable Oil 1 Gal \$9⁹⁹	Wesson 100% Vegetable Oil 64 oz. \$5⁹⁹	Golden State White Vinegar 1 gallon \$3⁹⁹	Crisco Shortening 3 lbs. \$5⁹⁹ Butter	Whole Chicken Can 50 oz. \$5⁹⁹ /CASE
Tilapia \$1²⁹ /LB	U.S. Extra Large Eggs Dozen \$2³⁹ 3 DAYS ONLY FEB. 3-5, 2012	Onion 79¢ /LB	Garlic \$2⁹⁹ /LB	Vlasic Dill Pickles (Wholes) 1 Gal. \$6⁹⁹	Kikkoman 1.6 L. \$3⁹⁹	Lemon Powder 5.29 oz. \$4⁹⁹	Gold Medal Flour 5 lbs. Limit 2 pcs. \$3²⁹	Korean Flour 2.5 kg. \$3⁹⁹	Maseca 4.4 lbs. Limit 1 pc. \$3⁹⁹

Korean Butane Gas Limit 1 Case  \$23⁹⁹ <small>/CASE</small>	Foam Cups 51 cnts.  \$1⁹⁹	Bounty Basic  15 ROLLS \$16⁹⁹	Bounty 15 Rolls  \$20⁹⁹	Foam Plates 125 ct.  \$7⁹⁹	Sugar 2 kg.  \$3²⁹ <small>Limit 2</small>	Morton Iodized Salt 26 oz.  89¢	Nescafe Classic 52.5 grams  \$1⁴⁹	Crisco Shortening 3 lbs. All Vegetable  \$6⁹⁹	Nissin Cup Noodles 27 oz./box all flavors  \$5⁹⁹	
Suave Shampoo and Conditioner (15 oz.) 2 Pcs.  \$3⁰⁰	Horse Shampoo 1 qrt.  \$3⁰⁰ <small>EACH</small>	Charmin Basic 24 doubles rolls = 48  \$14⁹⁹	Charmin Ultra Strong 24 rolls  \$7⁹⁹	Luvs Big Pack (All Size)  \$20⁹⁹	Argo Corn Starch Limit 3 pcs.  99¢	Kraft Cool Whip 16 oz. \$3⁴⁹ 12 oz. \$2⁴⁹ 	Philadelphia Original Cream Cheese  \$2⁹⁹	Maxwell House 34.5 oz.  \$9⁹⁹	Coffee Mate 50 oz.  \$7⁹⁹ <small>3 DAYS ONLY FEB. 3-5, 2012</small>	Folgers 33.9 oz.  \$9⁹⁹
Spoon & Fork No Brand Name 100 cnts.  \$1⁵⁰	Diamond Foil 200 Sq. Ft.  \$7⁹⁹	Bottled White Candle (China) 12 pcs/case  \$14⁹⁹ <small>/CASE</small>	Scott Napkin 250 sheets  \$3⁴⁹	Joy Ultra Lemon Diswashing 90 oz.  \$7⁹⁹	Country Time Lemonade 2.33 Kg.  \$8⁹⁹	Tang 22 qts.  \$7⁹⁹	Korean Flour 1 kg.  \$1⁴⁹	Kool Aid 5 lbs.  \$8⁹⁹	Sunkist 1 Case Warm Only  \$6⁹⁹	

FAMILY BAG SPECIAL

BEEF SHANK	\$10.95	STEWING CHICKEN	\$6.95	BEEF STEW	\$12.95
FLANK STEAK	\$16.95	TURKEY TAIL (FAMILY BAG)	\$4.99	RIBEYE STEAK	\$17.95
PORK ADOBO	\$10.95	U.S. CHOICE BEEF SHORTRIBS	\$15.99	BEEF TOP ROUND STEAK	\$14.95
PORK CHOP	\$11.95	BEEF BACK RIBS	\$7.95	SMOKED HAM STEAK	\$12.95
PORK BELLY	\$11.95	BEEF OXTAIL	\$16.95	PORK BUTT	\$10.95

U.S. Pepsi 12oz. (warm only) reg. flavor \$16⁹⁹ /CASE	Milo 1kg. \$4⁹⁹	Nescafe Classic 210g. \$5⁹⁹	Real Fresh Milk (Reduced/Regular) \$22⁹⁹ /CASE	Enfamil Premium Lipil 16x8oz. RTF \$41⁹⁹ /CASE	Caprisun Drinks 177ml. \$2⁹⁹ /BOX	Kool Aid Jammer 177ml. \$2⁹⁹ /BOX
Coke Regular 24/Case Warm Only \$13⁹⁹	Shasta Cola (warm only) 12oz. \$12⁹⁹ /CASE	Ritz Drink All Flavor (warm only) \$12⁹⁹	Pepsi 330ml. Warm Only All Flavors \$14⁹⁹ /CASE	Budweiser/Budlight 24/Case Warm Only \$28⁹⁹ 3 DAYS ONLY FEB. 3-5, 2012	Miller Lite 24/Case Warm Only \$27⁹⁹ 3 DAYS ONLY FEB. 3-5, 2012	

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 237 E 02, containing an area of approximately 5,751 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Marianas Meat Harvesting Corporation. The Directors of the Corporation are Mr. Joseph Borja, Mr. Anthony Pellegrino, and Mr. Paul Zak.

The Officers of the Corporation area Mr. Joseph Borja – President, Mr. Anthony Pellegrino – Treasurer, and Mr. Paul Zak – Secretary / Vice President.

iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Joseph Borja and Mr. Anthony Pellegrino.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of developing and operating a USDA certified meat slaughtering facility and related activities.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years. The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before February 14, 2012 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT MAPROPONIN ATKILON TĀNU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(b) gi Lain Publiku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tānu' Publiku guini ha nā'i nutisia ni intension-ña para u mana'ma'atklila pumalu na tānu' publiku siha giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha. Maseha hāyi na pattida siha gi halum i publiku henerāt siña ha na'hālum i imfotmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñun kinentra siha gi tinahguin propositu siha ni para i atkilon tānu' publiku. Sigi mās mo'na mapribeniya ginin i Lain Publiku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimānda ni debi na u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tānu' publiku ha diskribi kumu Lot No. 237 E 02, ni kinonsisti āria kāsi guaha 5,751 square meters, mās pat menus, ni gaigi giya Lower Base, Saipan. I kopian i lugāt gaigi gi pumalu na gumuaha gi Dipattamentun Tānu' Publiku siha ni para i rikunosimientu.

ii. I manatkikila i Marianas Meat Harvesting Corporation . I Direktot i Corporation siha si Siñot Joseph Borja, Siñot Anthony Pellegrino, yan si Siñot Paul Zak.

I Ufisiālís siha gi ārian Corporation si Siñot Joseph Borja – Presidenti , si Siñot Anthony Pellegrino - i Tresureru, yan si Siñot Paul Zak - Sekretāriu /Sigundu Presidenti.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñot Joseph Borja yan Siñot Anthony Pellegrino.

iv. I manatkikila debi na u usa i lugāt solamienti para hinangai developing yan operating i fasilidāt i USDA certified meat slaughtering yan i mana'achuli' na aktibidāt siha.

I teman i maproponi na kuntrātan atkilon sa' 25 āñus, yan option para u ma'ekstendi i atkilon gi ta'lu 15 āñus.

I maproponi na āpas atkilon gi sakkan gi durāntin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value gi propiedāt, ingklusu i prisenti na estroktura.

v. Kopian i manmaproponi na kontrātan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisanan i Dipattamentun Tānu' Publiku siha, gaigi gi sigundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. I Dipattamentun Tanu' Publiku siha tāya' na ha risibi tinahguin propositu siha para sinuhetun atkilon tanu' publiku siha giya Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. I Sekretāriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Publiku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opiñon yan testamoñun kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat āntis di Fibreru 14, 2012 gi ufisanan Dipattamentun Tānu' Publiku siha ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil ye 106(b) mellól Alléghul Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipel, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Schóókka remuschál emwal rebwe isisilong yaar mǎngemáng, data awewee, me angíngi reel pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap. Sengi Alléghul Toulap ye 15-2, ebwal ayooora, lamal awewee kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatééló.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwaári Lot No. 237 E. 02, eyoor Limwoow Sangaras, Fisabwughúw limeigh me eew laapal(5,751 square meters) elapeló me ngáre eghús, elo Lower Base, Seipel. Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap(Public Lands) ngáre óubwe ghuley fischiy.

ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilón nge Marianas Meat Harvesting Corporation. Direkktoodol Corporation yel nge Mr. Joseph Borja, Mr. Anthony Pellegrino me Mr. Paul Zak.

Schóól officers il Corporation yel nge Mr. Joseph Borja-President, Mr. Anthony Pellegrino-Treasurer, me Mr. Paul Zak-Secretary/Vice President

iii. Schóól aweweey akkilon yel nge Mr. Joseph Borja me Mr. Anthony Pellegrino

iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe yááyá falúw yeel rel ebwe ayooora me angaanga eew leliyal lil maal iye USDA certified me bwal akkaw mwóghutughut.

Tool aighúghúl pomwol akkilon nge reweigh me limoow ráágh (25 years). Emmwel rebwe bwal sóóbwey ngáli seigh me limoow ráágh (15 years).

Pomwol méél akkilon nge ebwe mwiril sángi percentage il yaal appraised fair market value il falúw.

v. Tilighial akkilon yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi merel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Ilól Tuturam, Seipél; Songsong village, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Lower Base, Seipél.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughi ischil mǎngemáng, aingiingil merel amweyút mmwal Febreru 14, 2012 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, ngare Tchúlúyól.

Nation

Romney, GOP rivals spreading out

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Republican presidential campaign rolled westward Wednesday, Mitt Romney riding hard after his Florida primary victory, Newt Gingrich looking for a new stake and a top party leader insisting the long trail won't necessarily hurt the GOP in the race against President Barack Obama.

Already the television ads were showing up in states that vote next, caucuses in Nevada on Saturday, in Minnesota and Colorado next Tuesday and in Maine the following weekend.

"I'm feeling like we've got a good pathway ahead," Romney declared in a television interview on the day after his Florida triumph. He is favored in Nevada, where there are 28 Republican National Convention delegates at stake. And, alone among the contenders, appears to have the money to compete aggressively in all the other states as well.

Gingrich decamped from Florida but with prospects considerably dimmer than Romney's.

He was conceding nothing. Routed on Tuesday night, the former House speaker vowed to stay in the race until the party convention next summer. And his decision not to telephone the primary winner with congratulations drew notice.

"I guess Speaker Gingrich doesn't have our phone number," Romney said.

The Florida campaign was marked by millions of dollars in negative ads, and Gingrich's promise to remain in the race raised the prospect of a months-long struggle. But current House Speaker John Boehner said he was not concerned.

"I would remind people that President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had a

fight that went through June of 2008. I think everybody just needs to realize that this will resolve itself," he said.

Jubilant in victory on Tuesday night, Romney was thrown onto the defensive the day after. "I'm not concerned about the very poor" because they have a social safety net, he said

on CNN. Criticized quickly, he hastened to clarify.

"No, no, no, no, no, no, no," Romney told reporters on his campaign plane when asked about the comments. He referred back to his complete remarks, in which he had said he would focus on middle-income Americans rather than the very poor, who get government help, or the very rich, who don't need it. "My energy is going to be devoted to helping middle-income people," he said.



Romney

LA school officials chided for molest case silence

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Angry parents confronted school officials Wednesday, demanding to know why they weren't told for a year that a teacher was suspected of photographing children in class for sexual thrills.

The clash came at a forum staged at Miramonte Elementary School to discuss the investigation of Mark Berndt, a third-grade teacher who is charged with committing lewd acts on 23 boys and girls, ages 6 to 10, between 2005 and 2010 at the campus where he



Berndt

taught for more than 30 years. Berndt was removed from classwork in January 2011 and fired within the month, but only parents of children identified as

victims were told by authorities at that time of the investigation.

Berndt's bail was raised to \$23 million Wednesday as he appeared in court for the first time on the felony charges that could bring multiple life sentences if he is convicted.

Meanwhile, at the forum, some angry parents with children at the school complained that they only learned of the investigation through the media after Berndt's arrest this week.

School officials and investigators said proper procedures were followed to prevent anything that might harm efforts to investigate and build a case against the teacher.

"That's cool and fine but the detectives' children don't go here," said Cheremoya Dupree, 38, whose two children attend the school and were not victims. "I want them to tell the truth ... because I don't think we got that."

Miramonte Principal Martin Sandoval told reporters that he followed proper district procedure.

Using a cheap camera, Berndt is suspected of snapping nearly 400 photographs of Miramonte students, some with a giant Madagascar cockroach from a classroom terrarium on their faces.

Others were blindfolded or had clear tape over their mouths, and some were shown with a spoonful of milky liquid placed near their lips, sheriff's Sgt. Dan Scott said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Panetta: US combat in Afghanistan to end next year

BRUSSELS (AP)—Defense Secretary Leon Panetta laid out the administration's most explicit portrayal of the U.S. drawdown in Afghanistan, saying Wednesday that U.S. and other international forces in Afghanistan expect to end their combat role in 2013 and continue a training and advisory role with Afghan forces through 2014. Panetta's remarks to reporters traveling with him to a NATO defense ministers meeting in Brussels showed how the foreign military role in Afghanistan is expected to evolve from the current high-intensity fight against the Taliban to a support role with Afghans fully in the lead.

Treasure hunter says he found \$3B WWII wreck

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—A treasure hunter said Wednesday he has located the wreck of a British merchant ship that was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Cape Cod during World War II while carrying what he claims was a load of platinum bars now worth more than \$3 billion. If the claim proves true, it could be one of the richest

sunken treasures ever discovered. But an attorney for the British government expressed doubt the vessel was carrying platinum. And if it was, in fact, laden with precious metals, who owns the hoard could become a matter of international dispute. Treasure hunter Greg Brooks of Sub Sea Research in Gorham, Maine, announced that a wreck found sitting in 700 feet of water 50 miles offshore is that of the S.S. Port Nicholson, sunk in 1942.

Church leaders mourn death of Cardinal Bevilacqua

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Church leaders called on parishioners Wednesday to pray for the soul of retired Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua, who led them for more than 15 years but was also an uncharged central figure in a child sex-abuse case that involves the alleged shuffling of predator priests. Bevilacqua, who was 88, died in his sleep at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood after battling dementia and an undisclosed form of cancer, according to archdiocese spokeswoman Donna Farrell. He had been the spiritual leader of the 1.5 million-member Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1988 until his retirement in 2003.

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Vietnam reports 2nd bird flu death in a month

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnam has confirmed its second human death from bird flu in nearly a month, after going nearly two years with no reported fatalities. The director of the Health Department in southern Soc Trang province said Thursday that test results confirm that a 26-year-old woman died of the disease Jan. 28 after being hospitalized in the provincial hospital three days earlier. Tru-

ong Hoai Phong says the woman, who recently had a baby in another hospital, had slaughtered and eaten dead chickens the family raised. He says dead and sick poultry were reported in the woman's neighborhood.

8 illegal immigrants drown in Malaysia boat sink

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Eight illegal immigrants have drowned when their boat capsized off Malaysia's southern coast, officials said Thurs-

day. Eighteen others have been rescued. Marine police official N.Kalai Chelvan said the boat was heading to Indonesia's Batam island early Wednesday when it sank in choppy waters. He said the boat was carrying a group of men from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq who were likely trying to reach Australia through Indonesia. Chelvan said 14 men were initially believed to have drowned but officials later verified that only eight bodies were recovered from the sea.

Gunmen abduct Dutch, Swiss in southern Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Gunmen in the restive southern Philippines abducted Swiss and Dutch tourists and a Filipino bird photographer Wednesday and took the trio away by boat, authorities said.

They were the latest kidnap victims in an impoverished region infested with al-Qaida-linked militants and criminal gangs that often seek ransom for their foreign hostages.

The tourists were snatched along with their Filipino companion by an armed group in the

southernmost Tawi-Tawi island province and dragged to a waiting boat, military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang said.

The Filipino man later jumped out of the boat and was rescued by fishermen, a local governor said.


The tourists were identified as Dutch Ewold Horn and Swiss Lorenzo Vinciguerra, and they had been visiting the region to photograph wildlife.

The Dutch Embassy in Manila confirmed the kidnapping and said it was working on the


case. Switzerland's Foreign Ministry said the Swiss Embassy in Manila was in contact with Philippine authorities and working to secure the hostages' release in good health.

Cabangbang said the abduction happened in Parangan village in the township of Panglima Sugala, in the remote islands that make up the province.

The southern Philippines is considered unsafe for foreign visitors and governments have put up advisories against travel in the region.



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NOTICE OF AUCTION
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

he Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in **Garapan**, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

LOT NO. 003 D 16 (Formerly Block 1 Lot 16), as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00 dated February 19, 1971, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry on the 1st Day of March, 1971, as Document No. 869, and containing an area of 1,022 square meters, more or less, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.


Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be **\$90,000.00**.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:


- Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the property listed for sale at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
- Deposit:** Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2012.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director



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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

Anthony Francis A. Benavente and Arlene Tina Lee Benavente (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 11, 2006, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 12, 2006, under Document No. 06-895 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 1155, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 900 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON DLS CHECK NO. 011 G. 23, DATED DECEMBER 09, 1993, RECORDED AT THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S OFFICE AS FILE NO. 96-2566 ON OCTOBER 10, 1996 THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **February 14, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$68,619.36**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **February 13, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **February 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.


Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$68,619.36** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.


The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the lease price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All lease payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer/lessee of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's/lessee's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2012.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director



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Jacob S. Mendiola and Tricia Delphine Santos (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 12, 2006, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 28, 2006, under Document No. 06-3171 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 715, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 788 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 011 G 14 DATED DECEMBER 01, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4182, DATED DECEMBER 03, 1993.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **February 14, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$51,619.36**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **February 13, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **February 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.


Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$51,619.36** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.


The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the lease price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All lease payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer/lessee of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's/lessee's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2012.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director



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NOTICE OF AUCTION
IN THE
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The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in **Sadog Tasi**, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

TRACT NUMBER 21899-2, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 767 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2086/81, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 12450, ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1981, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.


Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be **\$32,419.36**.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:


- Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
- Deposit:** Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2012.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director



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The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in **Dandan**, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

LOT NO. 010 K 05, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 892 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 010 K 01 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 87-2911 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.


Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be **\$42,219.36**.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:


- Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
- Deposit:** Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2012.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director



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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

Sabino R. Laniyo and Lourdes O. Laniyo C/O Rosa O. Laniyo (collectively "Trustor"), on or about June 21, 1982, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 21, 1982, under Document No. 14765 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT 001 F 25 (FORMERLY BLOCK 9 LOT 1), AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 001 F 00 DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1971, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 829 SQUARE METERS.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **February 14, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$56,619.36**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **February 13, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **February 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$56,619.36** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the lease price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All lease payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer/lessee of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's/lessee's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2012.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

World

Egypt soccer fans rush field after game, 74 dead

CAIRO (AP)—At least 74 people were killed and hundreds injured after soccer fans rushed the field in the seaside city of Port Said Wednesday following an upset victory by the home team over Egypt’s top club, setting off clashes and a stampede as riot police largely failed to intervene.

It was a bloody reminder of the deteriorating security in the Arab world’s most populous country as instability continues nearly a year after former President Hosni Mubarak was swept out of power in a popular uprising.

The melee—which followed an Egyptian league match between Al-Masry, the home team in the Mediterranean city, and Al-Ahly, based in Cairo and one of Egypt’s most popular teams—was the worst case of soccer violence in Egypt and the deadliest worldwide since 1996. One player said it was “like a war.”

In Cairo, fans angered that another match between Al-Ismaili and Zamalek was halted because of the Port Said violence set fire to the bleachers at the main stadium in the Egypt-

tian capital, authorities said. No injuries were reported, and employees said firefighters extinguished the blaze before it caused much damage.

The clashes and ensuing stampede did not appear to be directly linked to the political turmoil in Egypt, but the violence raised fresh concerns about the ability of the state police to manage crowds. Most of the hundreds of black-uniformed police with helmets and shields stood in lines and did nothing as soccer fans chased each other, some wielding

sharp objects and others hurling sticks and rocks.

Security officials said the ministry has issued directives for its personnel not to “engage” with civilians after recent clashes between police and protesters in November left more than 40 people dead.

The violence also underscored the role of soccer fans in Egypt’s recent protest movement. Organized fans, in groups known as ultras, have played an important role in the revolution and rallies against military rule.

Bomb kills 6, wounds 71 in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—A bomb exploded outside a police station in the Pacific port city of Tumaco just as lunch hour ended Wednesday, killing at six people and wounding 71, authorities said.


The bomb appeared to be a motorcycle packed with explosives, Tumaco security chief Hernando Cortes told The Associated Press.

Hernando Cortes, a city official, said the blast killed three police officers and three civilians. He said the 71 injured included 35 police officers.


Gen. Rodolfo Palomino, the national police director of citizen security, blamed the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, for the attack, though Tumaco’s mayor, Victor Gallo, refrained from assigning blame.


President Juan Manuel Santos condemned the attack, calling it an “act of desperation.”

The southwestern port is one of Colombia’s most lawless cities, a cocaine-smuggling hub where leftist rebels, right-wing criminal bands and drug traffickers are all present.



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The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that **all** of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in **Kagman III**, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

LOT NO. 011 G 308, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 797 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 06, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4414, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.


Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be **\$43,619.36**.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:


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 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
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- Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
- Deposit:** Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.


Dated this 4th day of January, 2012.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director



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Lot No. 002 G 263, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1904, dated May 14, 1990, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.


Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be **\$57,619.36**.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:


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/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director



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**NOTICE OF SALE**
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Jesus SN. Cabrera and Florida DLG. Cabrera (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 13, 1982, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 13, 1982, under Document No. 15700 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

TRACT NUMBER 21867-7, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 2,108 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2025/78, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 7472, ON THE 26TH DAY OF JUNE, 1978.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **February 14, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$53,619.36**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **February 13, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **February 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.


Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$53,619.36** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.


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Dated this 10th day of January, 2012.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director



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**NOTICE OF SALE**
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

Jose L. Castro and Margarita J. Castro (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 22, 1980, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 22, 1980, under Document No. 11179 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NUMBER 017 D 27, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 900 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 4842, ON THE 11TH DAY OF September, 1975.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **February 14, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$81,619.36**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **February 13, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **February 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

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Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

Juana S. Cristostomo ("Trustor"), on or about October 12, 1994, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 1, 1994, under Document No. 94-2826 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 002 G 97, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 945 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 002 G 03 DATED MAY 31, 1989, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 90-1900, DATED MAY 14, 1990, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **February 13, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **February 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**
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Julie DLG. Villagomez ("Trustor"), on or about November 8, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 21, 2002, under Document No. 02-2419 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 842 CONTAINING AN AREA OF 767 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 011 G 17 DATED DECEMBER 03, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4285, DATED DECEMBER 09, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Corporate Director

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Albatross found in LA freed to fly home to Hawaii

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A large seabird found in the back of a pickup truck in Los Angeles has been released to begin its long flight home across the Pacific. The Los Angeles Times reports the Laysan Albatross that normally nests on remote islands was released Tuesday from a boat off San Pedro. Rescuers suspect the bird stowed away on a cargo ship to hitch a trans-Pacific ride to Los Angeles, where it was spotted hitching a ride in a truck on Friday. The wildlife rescue center in San Pedro has taken in a handful of the massive birds, which look like overgrown seagulls, over the past decade. With its 7-foot wingspan, an albatross can soar long distances and spend years roaming the ocean without touching land.

After traffic stop, Ohio woman gives birth in car

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A woman’s speeding got her a warning from an Ohio state trooper but wasn’t enough to keep her grandchild from being born in her car. Donna Richmond got pulled over on Tuesday morning as she was trying to rush her daughter to a Columbus hospital. She tells WBNS-TV that the State Highway Patrol officer told her she was going 90 mph. That’s when daughter Debbie Richmond says she screamed from the front passenger seat, “I’m in labor!” The trooper let them go with the warning. But the delay from the traffic stop kept them from reaching the hospital

in time, so Debbie Richmond gave birth to a daughter in her mother’s Hyundai. The father, Randall Altman, says he was in the back seat “freaking out.”

Ohio orangutan gets newer birth control device

CLEVELAND (AP)—A Cleveland Clinic women’s health specialist has made a house call at the zoo to demonstrate how to fit an orangutan with a newer brand of implanted birth-control device. The Plain Dealer reports the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo’s Kitra is the first orangutan in North America to get the device called Implanon. It’s about 1 1/2 inches long, slightly thicker than pencil lead and meant for humans. General Curator Geoffrey Hall says the zoo doesn’t want the Bornean orangutan to breed, at least not now. The procedure by Dr. Judith Volkar went well and the animal was back on her feet within hours. A spokesman says Kitra had previously been fitted with an implanted device commonly used by the zoo, but developed a negative reaction.

Wyoming 19-year-old fined \$200 for doughnut theft

POWELL, Wyo. (AP)—A 19-year-old college student accused of swiping a doughnut in Wyoming is going to be paying a pretty penny for that pastry. The Northwest Trail reports that Zach O’Dell has agreed to pay a \$200 fine, \$10 in court costs—and 79 cents to cover the cost of the doughnut. O’Dell was accused of eating the treat in Blair’s Market in Powell on Nov. 28 and leaving without paying for it.

NJ camel predicts Giants will win the Super Bowl

LACEY TOWNSHIP, N.J.

(AP)—People use all sorts of ways to try to predict the winner of the Super Bowl: comparing regular season records, judging who looked stronger in the post-season run-up to the big game, or watching the betting lines from Las Vegas oddsmakers.

But the closest thing to a sure thing may come from a camel in New Jersey.

Princess, the star of New Jersey’s Popcorn Park Zoo, has correctly picked the winner of five of the last six Super Bowls. She went 14 and 6 predicting regular season and playoff games this year, and has a lifetime record of 88-51.

Her pick this year: The New York Giants.

The Bactrian camel’s prognostication skills flow from her love of graham crackers. Zoo general manager John Bergmann places a cracker and writes the name of the competing teams on each hand. Whichever hand Princess nibbles from is her pick. On Wednesday, she made her pick with no hesitation at all, predicting bad news for Bill Belichick, Tom Brady and



AP

Princess, a Bactrian camel famous for her ability to correctly predict the winner of football games, nuzzles John Bergmann, general manager of Popcorn Park Zoo in Lacey Township, N.J. on Thursday Jan. 26, 2012, one day after Princess picked the New York Giants to beat the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl.

the New England Patriots, even though the Las Vegas oddsmakers have New England favored by about 3 points.

Her only miscue in the big game was picking the Indianapolis Colts over the New Orleans Saints two years ago, indicating that even camels know it’s generally risky to go against Peyton Manning.

“It started out when a local radio station was looking to have some fun, so they asked Princess who was going to win a particular game each week, and it just took off from there,” Bergmann said. “Now we have guys calling up on Sunday morning wanting to know who Princess has picked that week. One guy even asked if she does

lottery numbers.”

Her best season was 2008, when she got 17 out of 22 games right, including correctly picking the Pittsburgh Steelers to win the Super Bowl.

Princess doesn’t do point spreads. But she has nearly mastered the art of picking straight-up winners.

The cunning camel was once the personal pet of heiress Doris Duke, the only child of tobacco and electric energy tycoon James Buchanan Duke.

Doris Duke raised Princess and her sister Babe from youngsters, Bergmann said.

The pair of camels had their own barn, and spent summers at Duke’s Rhode Island estate. During bad weather, they were put up in the solarium.

After Duke’s death in 1993, the camels stayed on her estate in Hillsborough. Babe died several years ago, leaving just Princess.

When Princess’ caretaker was about to retire, the estate offered Princess to Popcorn Park Zoo, which took her in. The zoo cares for abandoned and abused animals.



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INVITATION FOR BID
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BID SUBMISSION DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012 * TIME: 10:00 AM

NMHC IFB 2012-001

“CONSTRUCTION OF PERIMETER PATHWAY FOR SINAPALO CHILDREN’S PARK”

Proposal packets will be available on February 1, 2012, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, and NMHC’s Rota Field Office, Rota, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by cash, credit card, money order or cashier’s check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012**, at the proposed project site located in Sinapalo, Rota, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders’ understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

/s/ **Marcie M. Tomokane**
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ **Herman S. Sablan, Director**
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NMHC IFB 2012-002

“ADA Compliance Retrofit of the Marianas Medical Referral Center (MMRC)”

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A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012**, at the proposed project site located in As Lito, Saipan, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders’ understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

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NOTICE OF AUCTION
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that **all** of the rights, title, and interests of the **following** described real property situated in **Kagman II**, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 011 G 1091, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, the original of which was recorded 09 Dec 93 as Document No. 93-4288 at Commonwealth Recorder’s, Saipan, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be **\$38,019.36**.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC’s conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
- Deposit:** Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier’s check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer’s rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold “AS IS” and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2012.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director



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Ignacio P. Omar and Maria C. Aldan (collectively “Trustor”), on or about March 29, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (“Trustee”), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office (“USDA”), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America (“FmHA”), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on March 30, 1984, under Document No. 84-484 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 005 I 527, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 748 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY’S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232, DATED MAY 14, 1982, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **February 14, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$46,619.36**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **February 13, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **February 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

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Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$46,619.36** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

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Dated this 10th day of January, 2012.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

Mary Ann Q. Lizama (“Trustor”), on or about November 16, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (“Trustee”), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office (“USDA”), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America (“FmHA”), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 23, 1999, under Document No. 99-2775 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 649, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 795 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY’S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 011 G 13 DATED DECEMBER 1, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER’S FILE NO. 93-4181, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 3, 2011. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **February 14, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$58,619.36**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

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Dated this 10th day of January, 2012.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director



**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950
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**INVITATION TO BID
ITB12-GOV-040**

Roof Replacement, Building A, Northern Marianas College, As-Terlaje Hill, Saipan

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, are soliciting sealed bids for the Roof Replacement, Building A, at NMC Campus located at As-Terlaje Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on February 7, 2012 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building on Capitol Hill. A non-refundable payment of \$50,00 is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office on Capitol Hill. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as ammended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A MANDATORY one time site visit, pre-bid meeting will be held at the NMC Campus, Procurement Office Building L, on February 14, 2012. Interested companies who do not attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting will be disqualified from the bidding process. Participants are required to meet promptly at Building A at 2:00 p.m. Questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia, CIP Project Manager, CIP Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 664-2408 no later than 4:00 p.m. time, February 21, 2012.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB12-GOV-040". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, March 6, 2012. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time March 6, 2012, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than March 6, 2012 and must be received no later than March 13, 2012. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, March 14, 2012. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will open at 11:00 a.m. local time, on March 6, 2012.


For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$250.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-12-007**

SAN VICENTE SERVICE AREA EXTENSION, EXPLORING DRIVE-FINA SISU & HERMAN'S BAKERY WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of San Vicente Service Area Extension, Exploring Drive-Fina Sisu & Herman's Bakery Waterline Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The project consists, in general of the extension of the San Vicente water service area to Dandan Village and the replacement of existing water distribution line from Exploring Drive to Fina Sisu and Herman's Bakery including appurtenances.

The proposed project will also include the installation of fire hydrants, air relief valves, blow-off-valves, new service lateral stub-outs and reconnection of existing service laterals to the new water distribution line.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$ 350.00 for one set; at the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **February 9, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-12-007, San Vicente Service Area Extension, Exploring Drive-Fina Sisu & Herman's Bakery Waterline Replacement Project"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 06, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before the submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.


All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on February 27, 2012** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org or Yvonne Cabrera, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – mika.muna@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF GUAM,] Civil Action
Plaintiff,] No. 11-0088 CV
]
vs.] NOTICE OF
] AUCTION
MARIAN DLG. TUDELA,]
Defendant.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 10th day of August, 2011, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder on the **5th day of April, 2012 at 10am**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

PARCEL I
Tract 21821-14, (part of Tract 21821-R2, part of original Tract 21821,AH 543), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2071/86 consisting of 736 squaremeters more or less, located in Sadog Tase, Saipan, the original of which recorded on March 26, 1986 as Document No. 86-0557 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

PARCEL II
Tract 21821-15, (part of Tract 21821-R2, which was part of original Tract 21821, AH 543), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2071/86 consisting of 929 square meters more or less, the original of which was recorded on March 26, 1986 as document No. 86-0557 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan and recorded on August 5, 1998 as Document 98-2443 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

PARCEL III
Tract 21821-17, (part of Tract 21821-R3, part of original Tract 21821, AH 543), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2063/06, the original of which was recorded on July 21, 2006 as Document No. 06-1780 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

PARCEL IV
Tract 21821-2, (part of Tract 21821, AH 543), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 129/80, the original of which was recorded on July 16, 1980 as Document No. 10389 at the Office of Land Registry, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- 1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the Auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a. Withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c. To reject any and all bids.
- 2. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
- 3. Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.
- 4. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- 5. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2012.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, F-0197
Auctioneer

Science & Technology

B&N won't stock Amazon titles

NEW YORK (AP)—Barnes & Noble is attempting to irk its publishing rival Amazon.com Inc. by not stocking Amazon published titles in its stores.

The largest U.S. traditional bookseller has lost customers to cheaper online rivals like Amazon.com and discount stores. To fight back, it has invested heavily in an e-bookstore and Nook e-book readers, which compete with Amazon's Kindle e-readers.

Amazon, meanwhile, has been steadily expanding its publishing operations, signing exclusive deals with authors such as filmmaker-actress Penny Marshall and best-selling self-help author Timothy Ferris. It also recently started an imprint for science fiction, fantasy and horror.

Publishers and booksellers have been worried about Amazon's dual roles as client and

competitor. Some bookstores have expressed strong reservations about selling books released by Amazon.

On Tuesday, New York-based Barnes & Noble said outright it wouldn't sell the titles.

Barnes & Noble Chief Merchandising Officer Jaime Carrey said Amazon's exclusive deals with publishers, agents and the authors they represent have hindered Barnes & Noble's ability to offer some e-books to its customers.

"Their actions have undermined the industry as a whole and have prevented millions of customers from having access to content," he said in an emailed statement. "It's clear to us that Amazon has proven they would not be a good publishing partner to Barnes & Noble as they continue to pull content off the market for their own self-interest."

Stump The Geeks

Remove data from hard drive, then trash it

By TYLER DUKES
THE NEWS & OBSERVER

Q: I have several nonusable hard drive-type pieces of equipment that have personal data on them that I cannot access to remove. I need to dispose of them or recycle—whatever is appropriate—but not with my personal data on them. I have a computer hard drive (just the hard drive), a portable USB hard drive that died and is not accessible, a couple of “old” hand-held storage devices and more. Where can I go to assure these are completely destroyed and my personal data (includes banking, etc.) is destroyed along with them? —Katie M., Cary, N.C.

A: If you're asking this question, you're already one step ahead of anyone thinking about Dumpster-diving for valuable data.

"Many people simply don't realize that when they erase data it may no longer be visible to them but the data may still reside on the hard drive in unused sectors, which could be read with data recovery tools," said Jeff Crume, engineer and IT security architect at IBM.

That means emptying your desktop's recycle bin just isn't enough. If the devices still work, Crume recommends data-wiping software designed specifically to overwrite everything on a drive using multiple passes. Darik's Boot and Nuke, or DBAN, is one free option that can erase all data from any connected hard drive. DBAN is

serious stuff, though, so Crume suggests removing any storage drives you don't want wiped before you boot the program up. Find it online at <http://www.dban.org>.

If your doomed device is a Mac, Bob Chandler of technology consulting service MacVantage suggests the built-in Disk Utility, which he said can securely and permanently delete information. But when your device is broken or inaccessible, these programs won't do you much good. "If you have a storage device that you can't access from your computer (Mac or PC), then you can't use software tools to delete the data," Chandler said in an email. "In this case, you have to physically destroy the device to make the data inaccessible."

That's when it's time to forget about software and focus on hardware of the blunt force variety—and you don't have to be picky.

Chandler says he drills holes through the entire drive—don't forget your safety goggles. Crume said another option is to dismantle the device and sand down the hard discs themselves. "A less elegant but perhaps more satisfying solution is to smash the drive repeatedly with a hammer," Crume said.

Whatever the method of destruction, there's only one real requirement to satisfy. "The point is to make the drive damaged to the point that it can never be read," Chandler said. "This is the only way to truly destroy your data on an inaccessible storage device."

Life & Style

'Mona Lisa' copy done hand in hand with da Vinci

MADRID (AP)—A “Mona Lisa” copy owned by Spain’s Prado Museum was almost certainly painted by one of Leonardo da Vinci’s apprentices alongside the master himself as he did the original, museum officials said Wednesday.

The stunning find of what the Prado now says is probably the earliest known copy of La Gioconda will give art lovers and experts an idea of what the Mona Lisa looked like back in the 16th century, said Gabriele Finaldi, the museum’s deputy director collections.

“It is as if we were in the same studio, standing at the next easel,” he told reporters.

The copy has been part of the Prado collection for years and displayed occasionally but no one paid much attention to it because around the woman in the Mona Lisa was a stark black background, not the pretty landscape seen in the original.

Two years ago, to get the copy ready for a da Vinci exhibit later this year in Paris, where the original hangs in the Louvre, tests were done and this gave restorers a hint that something lie under the black coat, which was added in the 18th century for reasons not fully understood.

When the black covering was removed, a Tuscan landscape very similar to the one in the

original emerged.

And X-ray tests which allow experts to peek under a painting’s surface to see how it developed as it was composed showed that changes made in the copy were similar to changes made to the original as it evolved.

Varnish has also been removed from the Mona Lisa’s face, making it look brighter and younger than the face coated with cracked, darkish varnish

at the Paris museum.

“You can imagine that this is what the Mona Lisa looked like back in the 16th century,” Finaldi said.

Miguel Falomir, the Prado’s director for Italian painting, said the copy gives art lovers and experts a chance “to admire the Mona Lisa with totally different eyes.”

He and Finaldi said the museum’s best guess is that the copy was done by a da Vinci

apprentice named Francesco Melzi, because of the style observed in it.

Besides the black background, one other difference from the original is the woman in the copy has eyebrows and the Mona Lisa in the real masterpiece does not.

There are dozens of the surviving replicas of the masterpiece from the 16th and 17th centuries.



Miguel Falomir, director of Italian painting at the Prado Museum speaks to reporters next to a copy of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa that was painted at the same time as the original in the same studio is displayed at the Prado Museum in Madrid Wednesday Feb. 1, 2012.

'Soul Train' host Don Cornelius dead of suicide

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“Soul Train” host Don Cornelius was the arbiter of cool, a brilliant TV showman who used his purring, baritone voice to seduce mainstream America into embracing black music and artists.

But the “love, peace, and SOUL!” he wished viewers as he closed each show for decades escaped him as his life descended into marital trouble, illness and, finally, a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound on Wednesday.

Police went to his Mulholland Drive home around 4 a.m. after receiving a call from one of his sons, who became concerned after being contacted by his father. Cornelius, 75,

was found shot and was pronounced dead an hour later at a nearby hospital.

Authorities ruled out foul play, but have not found a suicide note and are talking to relatives about his mental state.

To music-hungry viewers, he was a smooth, sharp-dressed man who got them dancing to the hottest

tracks going. The pop world’s biggest stars recalled him as much more: A cultural groundbreaker who advanced African-American music and culture; a black entrepreneur who over-

came racism by strength of will; a visionary who understood rap’s emergence but criticized its rawness.

Aretha Franklin, an early “Soul Train” performer, called him “an American treasure.”

“God bless him for the solid, good and wholesome foundation he provided for young adults worldwide,” she said, “and

the unity and brotherhood he singlehandedly brought about with his most memorable creation of ‘Soul Train.’”

Donald Cortez Cornelius was born Sept. 27, 1936, in Chicago.



Don Cornelius

Lisa Marie Presley wants to make better Elvis film

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Over the years, Lisa Marie Presley has become dissatisfied with movies chronicling her father’s life, so she just might make a film about the rock ‘n’ roll icon.

The daughter of Elvis Presley said she has been in talks about a movie, though she didn’t offer a timetable.

“There’s not been anything done properly with him yet, you know, that has satisfied me in terms of capturing everything,” she told The Associated Press. “It will happen, though.”

Presley, who rarely gives in-

terviews, was at Graceland this week to attend the opening of a new exhibit. “Elvis Through His Daughter’s Eyes” is a personal look at Lisa Marie and includes her baby shoes, her first record player and a small white fur coat—touchstones from her days living at Graceland, her father’s longtime Memphis home until his death Aug. 16, 1977.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of Elvis’ death, which is observed each August with a weeklong gathering of fans in Memphis. Officials anticipate

as many as 75,000 people, the number that showed up in 2007 for the 30th anniversary.

Presley lived at Graceland until she was 5, which is when her mother Priscilla divorced Elvis and moved with Lisa Marie to California. She continued to visit Graceland, and she smiles when talking about the time spent with her dad, such as when they would ride a golf cart through the neighborhood together. She recalled waiting for her father to make his daily entrance down the stairs.

“He was always fully, fully

geared up. You’d never see him in his pajamas coming down the steps, ever,” she said. “You’d never see him in anything but ‘ready to be seen’ attire.”

Elvis, a renowned car and motorcycle aficionado, also was known to leave the grounds and hang out with locals in the neighborhood.

“Sometimes he would go and there would be a convoy and everybody would follow,” she said. “He’d be going down Elvis Presley Boulevard and you would see these devices riding down the road, of all sorts.”

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Daniel Radcliffe, Ciarán Hinds
Thriller, Mystery • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
A widowed lawyer travels to a seduced village on an important assignment, and encounters a vengeful ghost with mysterious motives. After losing his beloved wife, Arthur Kippes (Daniel Radcliffe) was nearly consumed by grief. When an important client of Arthur's dies, he pulls himself out of mourning to settle the man's affairs. But in this town, everyone has a secret. Something horrible once happened here, and it seems that the locals are determined to ensure Arthur never finds out what it was.

Chronicle

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:30
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:30
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
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Dane DeHaan, Alex Russel
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Three high school students make an incredible discovery, leading to their developing uncanny powers beyond their understanding. As they learn to control their abilities and use them to their advantage, their lives start to spin out of control, and their darker sides begin to take over.

The Devil Inside

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:55
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:55
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Monday thru Thursday		4:15	7:15	

Fernanda Andrade, Simon Quarterman
Horror • Rated R

Synopsis
A young woman learns that her mother committed multiple murders while undergoing an exorcism, and she travels to Rome with a film crew on a mission to uncover the truth about that horrific incident in this found-footage-style possession shocker from director William Brent Bell. As a young girl, Isabella Rossi (Fernanda Andrade) had been led to believe that the killings were committed after her mother flew into a psychotic rage. But when Isabella finds evidence indicating that an exorcism was being conducted on her mother at the time, she enlists a film crew to follow her to Italy in search of the truth. In order to gain a better understanding of the spiritual plight that her mother endured, Isabella and her crew attend a series of unsanctioned exorcisms that become increasingly terrifying.

The Grey

Friday		4:00	7:00	10:00
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	10:00
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Monday thru Thursday		4:00	7:00	

Liam Neeson, Frank Grillo
Adventure • Rated R

Man On A Ledge

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Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	9:50
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Monday thru Thursday		4:30	7:30	

Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks
Drama, Thriller • Rated PG 13

One For The Money

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:35
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:35
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Monday thru Thursday		4:20	7:20	

Katherine Heigl, Jason O'Mara
Crime, Comedy, Thriller • Rated PG 13

Underworld: Awakening

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Kate Beckinsale, Stephen Rea
Horror • Rated R

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Letterman celebrates 30 years in late-night TV

NEW YORK (AP)—As David Letterman and Howard Stern can attest, a 30-year anniversary celebration is a ripe opportunity to cringe at geeky haircuts.

Letterman marked three decades in late-night TV on Wednesday on CBS by bringing Stern, one of his favorite guests, onto his “Late Show.” They congratulated each other on age improving their looks.

Then Letterman proved it, displaying a picture of them from when Stern first appeared on the then-NBC show in May 1984. Letterman had a bushy head of hair. Stern had a mustache.

Letterman said about Stern’s



In this image released by CBS, actress Jennifer Lopez talks with host David Letterman during an appearance on “Late Show with David Letterman,” Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, in New York.

old picture: “It looks like a guy who was on to talk about a career of writing bad checks.”

Stern advised burning the picture but recalled how grateful he had been for the invite.

“Back then, the fact that you asked me to be on a national television show was mind-blowing to me,” he said.

Letterman also brought some of his long-time employees on-stage to present the “Top Ten Things Staffers Would Like to Say to Dave on his 30th Anniversary in Late Night.”

One of the cleanest, and most succinct, entries came from veteran executive producer Rob Burnett: “You’re incompetent.”

The “Late Show with David Letterman” airs weeknights at 11:35 p.m. Eastern time.

Amy Winehouse coroner resigns, family seeks advice

LONDON (AP)—The coroner who oversaw the inquest into the death of singer Amy Winehouse has resigned after her qualifications were questioned, her boss said Wednesday—raising the possibility the investigation may have to be held again.

Winehouse’s relatives said they were still absorbing the implications of the news and were seeking legal advice.

In October, Suzanne Greenaway ruled that the soul singer, who was found dead at her London home in July, had died from accidental alcohol poisoning.

Greenaway had been appointed an assistant deputy coroner in London in 2009 by her husband, Andrew Reid, the coroner for inner north London. But she resigned in November after authorities learned she had not been a registered U.K. lawyer for five years as required by the rules. She had practiced law for a decade in her native Australia.

Her resignation was not made public until Wednesday.

“I believed at the time that her experience as a solicitor and barrister in Australia satisfied the requirements of the post,” Reid said in a statement Wednesday. “In November of last year it became

apparent that I had made an error in the appointment process and I accepted her resignation.”

Reid apparently broke no laws in appointing his wife but could have breached professional guidelines. Greenaway was one of several deputy assistant coroners.

The local authority, Camden Council, said it was confident Reid “had made an error in good faith” when he appointed his wife, but said the matter was being investigated by Britain’s Office for Judicial Complaints.

Greenaway oversaw 12 inquests in Camden, the north London borough where Winehouse lived, and others in east London. Reid said he was “confident that all of the inquests handled were done so correctly”—but offered to hold those inquests over again if the families of the deceased wanted it.

Winehouse’s family said it had not yet decided what to do. In a statement, the family said it was “taking advice on the implications of this and will decide if any further discussion with the authorities is needed.”

Winehouse’s inquest could be declared invalid if her family challenges the verdict in court.



In this Friday Feb. 16, 2007 file photo British singer Amy Winehouse poses for photographs after being interviewed by the Associated Press at a studio in north London.

But on Wednesday her father, Mitch, appeared to downplay the likelihood, tweeting: “Don’t worry about coroner nonsense. We are all OK.”

A security guard found Winehouse dead in bed on July 23 at her home in Camden. The 27-year-old singer, known for her distinctive beehive hairdos and multiple Grammy-winning album “Back to Black,” had battled drug and alcohol addiction for years.

Brooklyn man wins Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award

CLAREMONT, Calif. (AP)—A Brooklyn, N.Y., man has been named the winner of the annual \$100,000 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award, one of the largest monetary poetry prizes in the U.S.

Claremont Graduate University announced Wednesday that Timothy Donnelly had received the award for his book “The Cloud Corporation.”

Donnelly has been poetry editor of the Boston Review since 1996 and is on the permanent faculty of the Writing Program at Columbia University’s School of the Arts. His poems have appeared in such periodicals as A Public Space, Fence, Harper’s, The Iowa Review, jubilat, Lana Turner, The Nation, The New Republic, and The Paris Review.

The Kingsley Tufts award was established at Claremont Graduate University by Kate Tufts to honor the memory of her husband, who wrote poetry as his avocation.

Bride wants to keep friend’s lecherous husband off guest list

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Over the years I’ve stayed in touch with my childhood best friend, “Claire.” We talk a few times a year and I attended her wedding 10 years ago.

In the intervening years, her husband, “Kirk,” has cheated on her multiple times and was once arrested by an undercover cop when he tried to meet a 14-year-old for a sexual liaison. Despite it all, Claire has chosen to stay with him. I have made peace with the fact that it is her decision and, because she lives in another state, it hasn’t affected my life in any practical way—until now.

I am being married next year, and Claire has expressed excitement at attending my wedding. I’d like to invite her, but not Kirk. I think he would be too much of a distraction for me. There will be enough people keeping an eye on the kids, but I know if I see him talking to my niece or nephew, it will make me extremely uncomfortable. God forbid, if he did something inappropriate, it would end my friendship with Claire.

Am I worrying too much? I don’t want to hurt my friend, but I also don’t want to put any child in harm’s way or have my memory of the day marred with scanning the crowd to make sure Kirk isn’t doing anything suspect. Your opinion would be helpful.

APPREHENSIVE BRIDE-TO-BE

DEAR APPREHENSIVE: You need to be up front and sort this out with Claire before issuing an invitation. It is possible that her husband is legally enjoined from having contact with minors and could not attend your wedding even if invited. If you prefer that he not attend, you need to have the courage to say so. It probably won’t be the first time she has heard it. But safety of the young people, not to mention your peace of mind, must come first.

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DEAR ABBY: A few months ago I joined a small church. It had a sign-up sheet for people to bring food to an event. The information requested included my name and email address. The person in charge of the church email added me to the announcements list, and sent every email as a cc instead of a blind copy. Now people I never gave my email address to (and would not have given it to) are replying “all,” sending messages to everyone and emailing me directly. It bothers me that they do this. I’m not sure how to approach them about this problem. I guess the rest don’t have issues with it, but I do.

E-PEEVED IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR E-PEEVED: You have two choices: Go through the hassle of changing your email address and notifying your friends and family—or simply hit “delete” when one of those emails pops up. I vote for the latter. As you stated, it’s a small church.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with “Danny” for two years. He’s smart, charming and funny. However, after we argue I’m always the one to start talking to try to come to a solution or a compromise. Danny never takes the initiative. I think he has a problem communicating with me about his feelings. What should I do?

TALKER IN PORTLAND, MAINE

DEAR TALKER: If after two years your boyfriend is unwilling or unable to resolve disagreements in an adult fashion, you should suggest couples counseling. It could avert serious problems in the future if you decide to invest more time in this relationship.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Rapper K’Naan upset Mitt Romney used his song

NEW YORK (AP)—The rapper K’Naan is upset that Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney used his song “Wavin’ Flag” during his Florida primary victory speech, and is seeking legal action as a result. In a statement released Wednesday, K’naan says Romney’s campaign did not seek approval to use the song and that he would not have granted permission if it had. The Somali-born, Canadian-based rapper says he would happily grant President Barack Obama’s campaign the use of the song. “Wavin’ Flag” was an international hit for K’Naan in 2010. The song had several country-specific remixes, featuring artists from those territories. It was co-written and co-produced by Bruno Mars’ production team, The Smeezingtons. K’Naan says he wants to make sure Romney does not use his song again.

Singer Leslie Carter dies at 25 in upstate NY

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Singer Leslie Carter, the sister of Aaron Carter and former Backstreet Boy Nick Carter, has died in upstate New York. She was 25. A publicist for the Carter family confirmed the death, but provided no details Wednesday on where or how she died. A statement from the family says they’re grieving for Carter and requested “the utmost privacy.” Carter’s single “Like Wow” was on the soundtrack for “Shrek” in 2001. In 2006, she appeared in all eight episodes of the reality show “House of Carters.”

Springsteen, E Street Band head to Harlem

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band will

perform at Harlem’s historic Apollo Theater next month. The March 9 show is three days after the release of Springsteen’s “Wrecking Ball” album. It will air live on E Street Radio. Subscribers can win tickets to the event, which is part of SiriusXM’s 10th anniversary celebration. The announcement was made Wednesday by SiriusXM Radio. The Apollo propelled the careers of Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Stevie Wonder and Smokey Robinson. It held memorial services for Michael Jackson and James Brown, and a 2007 campaign rally for Barack Obama. During a January fundraiser there, President Obama crooned a bar from an Al Green classic. Springsteen references Harlem in the songs “Jungleland” and “Does This Bus Stop at 82nd Street?” But it’s his first Apollo appearance. The world tour starts March 18 in Atlanta.

‘21 Jump Street’ to premiere as SXSW centerpiece

NEW YORK (AP)—The upcoming remaking of “21 Jump Street” will premiere as the centerpiece of Austin’s South by Southwest Film Conference and Festival. The action-comedy stars Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum in a big screen version of the 1980s Johnny Depp TV series. It will screen March 12 at SXSW, which runs March 9-17. The conference also announced its closing film will be “Big Easy Express,” a documentary about a group of touring folk bands including Mumford & Sons. SXSW earlier announced that “The Cabin in the Woods,” an anticipated horror film co-written by Joss Whedon, will open the festival. On Wednesday, the festival announced its full slate of 130 features at SXSW 2012. Those were selected from a record 1,957 feature-length submissions.

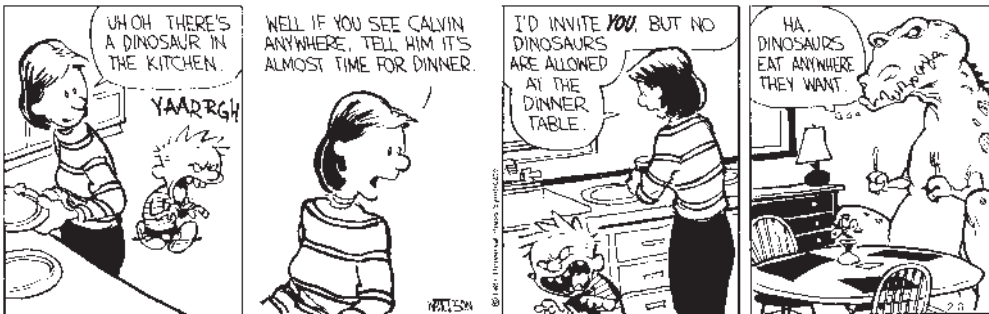
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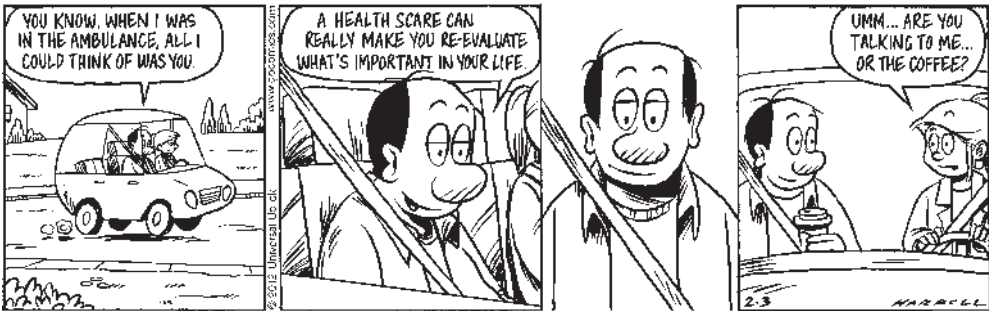


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Yesterday's answer 2-3

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Isla Fisher, 36; Nathan Lane, 56; Morgan Fairchild, 62; Blythe Danner, 69.

Happy Birthday: Trust in your judgment and follow the path best suited to your needs. You instinctively know what needs to be done to reach your goals. Progressive action will bring positive results. Don't worry about what others think; it's what matters to you that counts. Live life your way and have no regrets. Your numbers are 7, 12, 21, 24, 27, 30, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Careful how you treat others. You will end up getting what you dish out if you are too critical. It may be difficult, but you are best to do a great job with as little complaining as possible. Personal change will be enlightening. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Apply what you discover to a project you are working on. A service you can offer will reach a new outlet if you find a way to adjust your program to people in higher positions. Shoot for the stars. Romance is highlighted. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Expand your interests and share your thoughts with people you feel can benefit from what you have to say. Interaction will be your best means to develop and propagate what you feel passionate about. Put your heart and soul into your work. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Dealing with people in high places will bring you additional benefits. A chance to work with young and old will open up a new platform

for what you have to offer. Control your financial situation, rather than letting it control you. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Show off your skills, offer your services and befriend those who have something to offer in return. Give-and-take will turn into a prosperous venture with someone striving to reach similar goals. Make personal and emotional improvements. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Kick back and enjoy getting together with people who share your interests. Avoid anyone playing emotional mind games with you. Do your best work and walk away from anyone who belittles your efforts or tries to affect your productivity. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take on any challenge that comes your way with confidence. You have what it takes to dazzle onlookers and attract interest, both personally and professionally. Self-improvement projects will bring stellar results. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Choose your battles wisely. Not everyone will see things your way. Don't let anger stand in the way of resolution. Honesty and integrity will be the issue at the end of the day. Call it as you see it and move on. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Judge your situation carefully before you make your move. Not everyone will buy into your way of thinking or the changes you want to make. An emotional situation can lead to a change in lifestyle or living arrangements. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expand your interests and your circle of friends. The more you diversify, the greater your opportunities will be. Balance and equality will be key to making a relationship work. Practicality plus innovation spells success. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can stabilize your personal life by making some positive changes in the way you handle your money and interests. Don't let a personal relationship with someone overshadow what you feel is the right thing to do. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Show your true colors. Being honest about what you want may not please everyone, but it will help you move forward with your plans. Being sneaky to avoid an inevitable confrontation will add to your stress and make matters worse. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive, original and a trendsetter. You have charisma and charm.

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By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle. horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. (The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.)

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Solution: 7 letters

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,]	
]	
-vs-]	
JOAQUIN H. BORJA and SOOK M. BORJA Defendant(s)]	

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING LEAVE
TO SERVE DEFENDANT SOOK M. BORJA

FOR GOOD CAUSE Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority's ("CDA") Ex Parte Motion to Serve Sook M. Borja is hereby GRANTED.

CDA is hereby given leave and shall, pursuant to 7 CMC § 1104(b), make service upon Sook M. Borja by publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth for four successive weeks, and the last publication shall be not less than twenty-one days before the return date stated herein.

Upon completion of service as ordered herein, in accordance with 7 CMC § 1102(b), Sook M. Borja shall be deemed to have been served with the same force and effect as if process had been personally served within the Commonwealth.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 30th day of January, 2012.

/s/ KENNETH L. GOVENDO,
Associate Judge



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Might take overtime to win Super Bowl



INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Overtime. For the first time.

In each of their trips to the Super Bowl with Bill Belichick as coach and Tom Brady at quarterback, the Patriots threatened to go into overtime. They eked out three wins and lost by three points to the Giants.

When New England and New York face off Sunday at Lucas Oil Stadium, the Patriots will be favored by three. That will be the winning margin, and it will come in an unprecedented extra period.

But who will win?

Glad you asked.

Each team is on a roll, with the Patriots (15-3) winning all 10 games since a home loss to the Giants. New York went into a funk after that victory, losing four straight and five of six before turning it around with closing victories against the Jets and Cowboys to win the NFC East.

The Giants (12-7) have won five in a row, including wins at Green Bay and San Francisco in the playoffs.

In 2008, the Patriots were unbeaten and seeking the first 19-0 season in NFL history when the Giants stunned them. Again, New England has the better record and the Giants took the long route to the big game.

"It's the same teams, but in our mindset, a lot of new players," said Giants quarterback Eli Manning, one of the heroes of



In this photo taken with a fisheye lens, football fans pose for photos in front of the Super Bowl XLVI logo on Monument Circle, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, in Indianapolis. The New England Patriots are scheduled to face the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLVI on Feb. 5.

the 17-14 win four years ago. "We had 16 guys and New England only has seven guys who were on that team. A lot of guys who are going to be key factors in this game did not play in that last Super Bowl.

"We have the mindset that this is a new game. It's the same teams, but a lot of different makeup. What happened

in the last Super Bowl doesn't matter. What happened in the last game of the season doesn't matter. It's about what we do on Sunday and what we do in this game."

What the Giants must do is get a pass rush on Brady. They had five sacks and at least nine hits on him in the 2008 game, and they pressured him throughout the regular-season win last November. If they can

make Brady uncomfortable and rush his throws, it ruins the tempo of New England's no-huddle offense.

With Brady virtually no threat to run, the Giants will try to condense the passing pocket so much that Brady can't step into his throws. If that doesn't happen, All-Pro receiver Wes Welker and dynamic tight ends Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez could be tough to

cover; New York's secondary isn't strong enough to prosper without the big pass rush.

All-Pro Gronkowski's high left ankle sprain is problematic for New England, although pretty much everyone expects him to play. But if he's limited in gaining yards after the catch, a particular strength, it also can hurt the Patriots.

Where New England truly has stepped up recently is on

defense, and the Giants will test that improvement. Manning's three wideouts—Hakeem Nicks, Victor Cruz and Mario Manningham—can't all be double-teamed, and each is capable of game-breaking plays. Belichick will come up with something creative to slow them. Does he have the players to implement his schemes against an offense almost as explosive as the Patriots' unit?

"For every team you play, I think our coaches do a great job as far as scouting them, breaking them down, and then we get our game plan," said Kyle Arrington, who tied for the league lead with seven interceptions. "They make a specific game plan for that team. You definitely want to try to take away their strengths in every game plan that they make up. We're going to go out there and fly around. I can't say enough about how talented they are, how much of a challenge it's going to be."

Too much of a challenge.

The game will go into an extra period, and the NFL's rule allowing both teams to have the ball if the first possession results in a field goal will come into play. New England will get that field goal, then Manning will find one of his wideouts in the end zone to win it.

GIANTS, 33-30, OT

Against spread: 1-1 (overall 132-111-5); straight up 2-0 (overall 175-91).

Best Bet: 4-15 against spread, 13-6 straight up.

Upset Special: 11-7 against spread, 8-10 straight up.

Brady: Avoiding trouble with Giants no secret

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—It's no secret how to stay out of trouble against the New York Giants.

Doing it, however, is another matter.

The Giants have perhaps the best pass rushers in the NFL, a group Brady knows all too well. He absorbed five sacks and was hit nine times when the New England Patriots lost to the Giants 17-14 in the Super Bowl four years ago. Brady was only sacked twice when the teams met Nov. 6, but one of those miscues resulted in a Giants touchdown one play later.

"This team has a very good pass rush. I've seen it game after game," Brady said Wednesday. "They can get to the quarterback. They can hit the quarterback. They can force the quarterback into some bad decisions and some bad throws. We're going to try and eliminate those. We really can't afford too many of those on Sunday."

"We had too many of those the last time we played them, and we're not going to be able to win the game making mistakes."

Especially not with the way

the Giants are playing right now.

The Giants finished the regular season tied for third in the NFL with 48 sacks. Eleven of those came in the last two games of the regular season, victories over the crosstown rival Jets and Dallas Cowboys, and the Giants have added nine more in their three playoff wins.

What makes New York's pass rush so ferocious is that it never stops coming, with a line that goes eight deep. All Pro Jason Pierre-Paul led the team with 16 1/2 sacks in his second season, while Osi Umenyiora had nine in only nine games. Justin Tuck and backup defensive end Dave Tollefson had five apiece, Chris Canty added four and fellow tackle Linval Joseph had two.

Oh, and don't forget linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka, who had 3 1/2 sacks playing as a lineman in passing situations.

"It wouldn't be the Super Bowl if they weren't talking about coming to knock me down and trying to knock me out," Brady said. "That's what I expect. And you know what? Our offensive line gets paid to keep those guys out of there."

Arians hopes Manning stays with Colts



INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Bruce Arians is still a Peyton Manning fan. He also believes rookie quarterbacks learn best by taking snaps on Sundays.

It's yet another twist in the Colts' ongoing offseason saga.

The Colts new offensive coordinator told reporters Wednesday that he hopes Manning will return from neck surgery and play in Indianapolis next season. But with the Colts also likely to use the No. 1 overall draft pick on a quarterback of the future, Arians is willing to let the rookie play immediately. He did that in 1998 with Manning.

Arians has a close relationship with Manning and says the two will talk after the Super Bowl. He Arians acknowledged he didn't leave Pittsburgh the way he wanted though he didn't elaborate on the departure.

"It's two-phased. There's the medical aspect, as to whether he can play at a really high level and that's the only place he wants to be. Can he drill it in Foxboro in 10 degrees, 50 yards, that sort of thing," Irsay told a small group of reporters. "The second issue has always been his health and the risks of

going back onto the field. When the Super Bowl ends, he and I will continue to talk about it."

The sticky situation has been a hot topic in Indianapolis, where Manning's younger brother, Eli, will try to win his second Super Bowl ring with the Giants on Sunday against Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who is trying to win his fourth title.

No matter what Giants and Patriots players and coaches have said this week, Peyton Manning somehow winds up stealing the headlines.

Just two days after Irsay said he wouldn't talk about Manning again this week, he broke that embargo and discussed the ongoing overhaul of the franchise. Since Jan. 2, Irsay has fired vice chairman Bill Polian, general manager Chris Polian, coach Jim Caldwell and most of Caldwell's staff.

The next big decision is all about Manning, who didn't play a minute last season. The surgery was his third in 19 months, and he still hasn't fully recovered. With a March 8 deadline to pay the bonus, Irsay intends to take his time making this call.

"Look, anything is possible if the two parties choose to get together," Irsay said when asked

about redoing Manning's \$90 million contract.

Even if Manning is healthy enough to play a 15th season, the questions are sure to continue.

Earlier Wednesday, new offensive coordinator Bruce Arians said he hopes Manning returns to the Colts though he believes the best way for a rookie quarterback to learn is by playing. He didn't drop hints about the Colts' plans for Manning or what Indy would do with the No. 1 overall draft pick.

Irsay has already said the Colts will choose Manning's successor in April. The decision is expected to come down to presumed No. 1 choice Andrew Luck or Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III—either of whom would get playing time if Arians has a say.

"I say let him grow, man, put him out there and let him play," Arians said. "They are going to make mistakes. You have to live with it and learn from it to get better."

Arians was the first NFL quarterbacks coach to work with Manning, the No. 1 choice in 1998. He also tutored former No. 1 pick Tim Couch in Cleveland and Ben

Roethlisberger in Pittsburgh during the last five seasons.

"It's kind of like deja vu (in Indy). It's scary," he said. "There is a new general manager and a new coach. Hopefully Peyton can come back and get ready to go. But, there will be a new quarterback and a new beginning. It's exciting."

The multi-million dollar question is whether Manning can come back.

There have been whispers all week that Manning might retire rather than land with a new team next season, and there has been rampant speculation about the velocity on his throws and whether the nerve will regenerate.

"I have no plans on doing that," he said Tuesday when asked about retirement. "My plan hasn't changed. I'm on track with what the doctors have told me to do, and I'm doing that. I'm rehabbing hard."

Irsay's decision may be based on more than Manning's arm strength. He is still willing to pay the bonus if he can find a way to make it work under the salary cap, and if he determines bringing back Manning would be the best move for the organization. Yes, Irsay wants to keep No. 18 for the rest of his career.

Bucks beat Heat again despite James' 40 points



MILWAUKEE (AP)—Brandon Jennings scored 31 points, including three 3-pointers in a critical stretch of the fourth quarter, and Milwaukee beat Miami 105-97 on Wednesday night for the Bucks' second win over the Heat this season.

Jennings also had eight assists while Drew Gooden added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Bucks, who have won three straight.

LeBron James scored a season-high 40 points, including a highlight-reel windmill dunk at the end of his huge first quarter. James had 24 points in the first quarter, the most points any player has scored in a quarter this season, according to STATS LLC.

Dwyane Wade added 23 points for the Heat, but it wasn't enough to beat a Bucks team that also recently knocked off the Los Angeles Lakers.

"You always give credit where credit is due," James said. "They made some shots in the third quarter and fourth quarter. They got back into it. They made a run. We held it as much as possible."

"What that second half showed is we still have a long way to go as a ballclub just in terms of playing consistently," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We were playing very good basketball in the first half. It's a fragile game. In this league it can go the other way quickly if you're not staying consistent to your identity."

Bucks fans chanted "overrated" in the final minutes of the game.

"We can't just have an ordinary energy game, we have to have an extraordinary game against them," Bucks coach Scott Skiles said. "The guys came out in the second half and really took it to them."

Trail Blazers 112, Bobcats 68

In Portland, Jamal Crawford scored 24 points in 21 minutes, helping the Portland Trail Blazers rout Charlotte 112-68 on Wednesday night for the Bobcats' 10th straight loss and the worst in franchise history.

Gerald Wallace, traded to the Blazers from Charlotte last year, scored 23 points while LaMarcus Aldridge added 22 before



Milwaukee Bucks' Brandon Jennings reacts after his 3-point basket against the Miami Heat during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, in Milwaukee. The Bucks won, 105-97.

Portland sat all of its starters in the fourth quarter.

Gerald Henderson led the hapless Bobcats with 16 points. Charlotte's 44-point margin of defeat topped a 120-80 loss at Denver last March 2.

The Bobcats' skid is also their longest since an 11-game slide from November 2007 to early January 2008.

Sixers 98, Bulls 82

In Philadelphia, Andre Iguodala helped Philadelphia stamp itself as a rising threat in the East, scoring 19 points and grabbing nine rebounds in win over Chicago.

Iguodala outplayed Derrick Rose and stuffed a month's worth of highlight video activity into one game. His one-handed dunks, around-the-back passes, and big 3s helped the Sixers lead the Eastern Conference-leading Bulls by 20 at the end of the third quarter.

Thaddeus Young scored 19 points, Lavoy Allen had 14 and Lou Williams 14, all off the bench for the Sixers.

C.J. Watson scored 20 points and Rose had 18 for the Bulls.

Magic 109, Wizards 103

In Orlando, Ryan Anderson scored 23 points, including six 3-pointers, to help Orlando snap a four-game losing streak.

Dwight Howard and J.J. Redick added 21 points each for the Magic, who beat Washington for the eighth straight time.

It was the Magic's first 100-point game since a win at Indiana on Jan. 24.

After struggling with turnovers throughout their recent skid, the Magic settled down after a rocky first half to commit just four turnovers in the final 24 minutes.

Nick Young had 24 points and Rashard Lewis added 20 for Washington. The Wizards dropped to 1-9 on the road and still haven't beaten a .500 team on the road the past two seasons.

Celtics 100, Raptors 64

In Boston, Paul Pierce had 17 points and eight assists and Bos-

ton crept above .500 for the second time this season.

Ray Allen and Brandon Bass added 12 points apiece and Avery Bradley scored 11 for the Celtics, who never let go of the lead once Allen's layup 16 seconds into the game put Boston up 2-0.

At 11-10, the Celtics hardly appear bound to hang another banner from the Garden rafters, but they do seem to have adjusted to the lockout-shortened schedule and quick turnaround between games.

Boston improved to 6-2 without point guard Rajon Rondo, who has been out with an injured right wrist.

Nets 99, Pistons 96

In New Jersey, Deron Williams scored 26 points to lead New Jersey.

Kris Humphries had 18 points, Jordan Farmar added 15 and Shawne Williams 15 for the Nets.

Greg Monroe and Tayshaun Prince scored 21 points each

for the Pistons, who have lost 20 of 24 this season. Detroit rookie point guard Brandon Knight added 15 points, Jonas Jerebko had 14 and Walker Russell Jr. 12.

After trailing by 12 points midway through the third quarter, Detroit rallied to pull to 72-71 entering the fourth. The teams exchanged baskets throughout the final quarter, with Williams' playmaking the difference.

Pacers 109, Timberwolves 99

In Minneapolis, Danny Granger scored 29 of his 36 points in the second half to help Indiana beat Minnesota.

Granger also grabbed seven rebounds and hit 5 of 8 from 3-point range, and Darren Collison thoroughly out-played Ricky Rubio with 20 points, nine assists and six rebounds for the Pacers, who topped 100 points for just the second time this season.

Kevin Love had 21 points and 17 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who were completely overwhelmed by Indiana's size and Granger's offensive prowess.

Rubio had 10 points and six assists and Nikola Pekovic had 13 points and 12 boards.

Suns 120, Hornets 103

In New Orleans, Steve Nash had a season-high 30 points and 10 assists, becoming Phoenix's franchise assists leader.

Nash increased his assists total to 6,522 with the Suns, passing Kevin Johnson's mark of 6,518.

Marcin Gortat had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Phoenix, which won for only the fourth time on the road this season and second time in New Orleans. Channing Frye added 16 points and Jared Dudley 15.

Reserve point guard Greivis Vasquez had career-highs of 20 points and 12 assists for the Hornets, who have lost three straight and 18 of 20. Jason Smith added 16 points for New Orleans, which led 57-44 late in the first half but was outscored 76-46 the rest of the way.

Clippers 107, Jazz 105

In Salt Lake City, Chris Paul scored a season-high 34 points and Blake Griffin added 31 as the Los Angeles Clippers held on for

a 107-105 victory over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night.

It was the Clippers' first win in Salt Lake City since 2003, snapping a string of 16 consecutive losses—including a 108-79 loss in Utah on Jan. 17.

Paul sat out that the last visit with a left hamstring injury. He had 12 points in the fourth quarter in this game as the Clippers won their fourth straight.

Al Jefferson had 27 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Jazz.

The Clippers made eight free throws in the final 30 seconds.

Utah's C.J. Miles intentionally missed his second free throw with the Jazz down two points with 1.2 seconds left but Reggie Evans grabbed the rebound to seal the win.

Thunder 95, Maverick 86

In Dallas, Russell Westbrook scored 33 points, Kevin Durant added 23 points and 13 rebounds, and Serge Ibaka had a career-high 10 blocks for Oklahoma City.

James Harden had 10 points off the bench for the Thunder.

Oklahoma City limited Dallas to 8-for-38 shooting from the field in the second half as the Thunder bounced back from Monday night's 112-100 road loss to the Los Angeles Clippers that snapped a four-game winning streak.

Jason Terry had 26 points for the short-handed Mavericks, who snapped a three-game winning streak. Dirk Nowitzki went 2 for 15 from the floor and finished with eight points for Dallas in his third game back after a four-game absence to deal with a sore right knee and conditioning issues.

Spurs 99, Rockets 91

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 25 points and Tony Parker added 24 to help San Antonio rally past Houston.

The Spurs, who trailed by as many as 18 points in the third quarter, have won two straight and improved to 11-1 at home. Gary Neal had 15 for San Antonio, which split the four-game season series with the Rockets, who have lost two straight.

Kevin Martin scored 29 points to lead Houston but went 1 for 6 in the fourth quarter. Kyle Lowry and Courtney Lee each added 15, and Patrick Patterson had 10.



NEW YORK (AP)—Every coach

claims to have a great national signing day. Nick Saban actually does - every year.

By lunchtime on Wednesday, the Alabama coach had most of his latest highly rated recruiting class locked up.

"He's the best at (recruiting) in the country," said Tom Lemming of CBS Sports Network. "Over the last five years, no-

Saban stocks up, DGB stays home

body has been better at it than Nick Saban."

The national signing period for high school football players opened with the usual plethora of pick-a-cap news conferences and a few high-profile flip-flops.

New Ohio State coach Urban Meyer showed that a year away from coaching didn't hurt his ability to recruit. Meanwhile,

Meyer's old school, Florida, followed a mediocre season with a promising signing day - despite having Southern California pluck a couple of blue-chippers from Gator country.

Missouri didn't need to leave the state to make the biggest grab of all on signing day, getting a letter of intent from the nation's most celebrated prospect, receiver Dorial Green-

Beckham from Springfield, Mo.

In Tuscaloosa, Ala., there were no surprises for the national champion Crimson Tide. And that was a good thing because Saban and his staff had already lined up a class that most of the analysts had ranked as either the best in the nation or very close to it.

"There was little intrigue or drama to this class," said

Allen Wallace of SuperPrep Magazine.

No, just talent.

The Tide swept through the South to reload with 26 signees. Alabama went to Baltimore to get wide receiver Cyrus Jones, down to Lynchburg, Va., for defensive tackle Korren Kirven—one of the few late additions—scooped up eight players from Georgia, three from Florida,

picked up a quarterback, Alec Morris, from Texas, and even dipped into LSU territory to grab highly touted safety Landon Collins from Geismar, La.

Collins' selection of Alabama over LSU last month on national TV was memorable for his mother's vocal disapproval ("Tigers No. 1," she said, eyes rolling at her son's choice). On Wednesday, with mom by his side, Collins signed his letter of intent at Dutchtown High School.

Ali, Sugar Ray trainer Dundee dead at 90



FLORIDA (AP)—Angelo Dundee, the brilliant motivator who worked the corner for Muhammad Ali in his greatest fights and willed Sugar Ray Leonard to victory in his biggest bout, died Wednesday in Tampa, Fla. He was 90.

The genial Dundee was best known for being in Ali's corner for almost his entire career, but those in boxing also knew him as an ambassador for boxing and a figure of integrity in a sport that often lacked it.

He died with his family surrounding him, said son, Jimmy Dundee, but not before being able to attend Ali's 70th birthday bash in Louisville, Ky., last month.

"It was the way he wanted to go," Jimmy Dundee said. "He did everything he wanted to do."

Promoter Bob Arum said he had been planning to bring Dundee to Las Vegas for a Feb. 18 charity gala headlined by Ali. He called Dundee a legend in the sport, someone who worked the corner for some of the greatest fights of the times.

"He was wonderful, he was the whole package," Arum said. "Angelo was the greatest motivator of all time. No matter how bad things were, Angelo always put a positive spin on them.

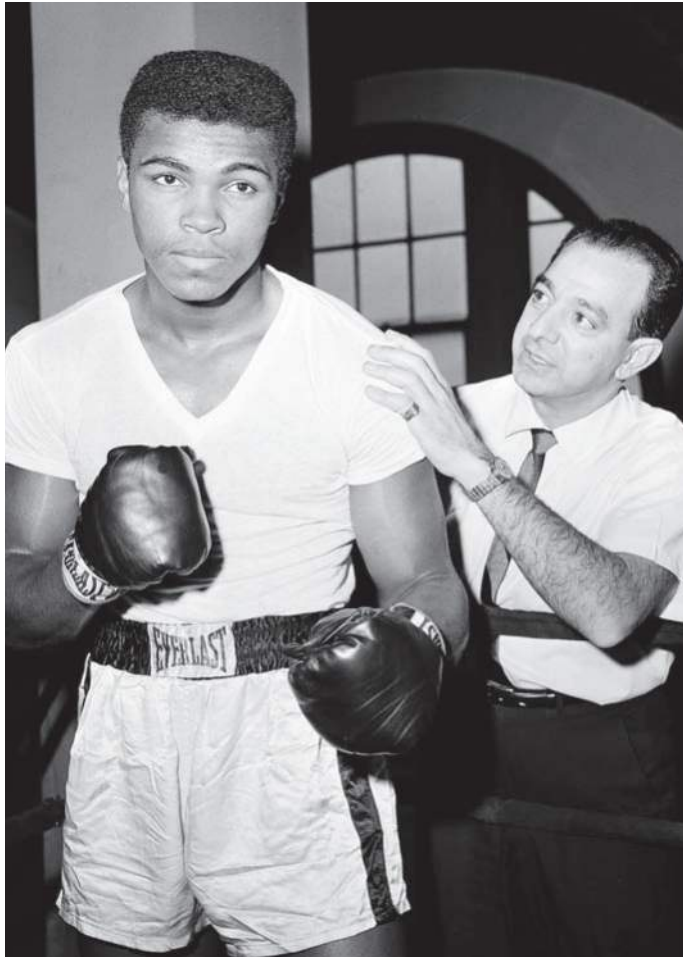
That's what Ali loved so much about him."

Arum credited Dundee with persuading Ali to continue in his third fight against Joe Frazier when Frazier was coming on strong in the "Thrilla in Manila." Without Dundee, Arum said, Ali may not have had the strength to come back and stop Frazier after the 14th round in what became an iconic fight.

Dundee also worked the corner for Leonard, famously shouting "You're blowing it son. You're blowing it" when Leonard fell behind in his 1981 fight with Tommy Hearns - a fight he would rally to win by knockout.

A master motivator and clever corner man, Dundee was regarded as one of the sport's great ambassadors. He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1994 after a career that spanned six decades, training 15 world champions, including Leonard, George Foreman, Carmen Basilio and Jose Napoles.

But he will always be linked to Ali as one of the most successful fighter-trainer relationships in boxing history, helping Ali become the first to win the heavyweight title three times. The pair would travel around the world for fights to such obscure places as Ali's October 1974 bout in Zaire against Foreman dubbed "The Rum-



In this Feb. 8, 1962, file photo, a young Muhammad Ali, left, stands with his trainer Angelo Dundee at City Parks Gym in New York. Dundee, the trainer who helped groom Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard into world champions and became one of boxing's most recognizable figures, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012. He was 90.

ble in the Jungle," and Ali's third fight against Frazier in the Philippines.

"I just put the reflexes in the proper direction," Dundee said

in a 2005 interview with The Associated Press.

Their partnership began in Louisville, Ali's hometown, in 1959. Dundee was there with

light heavyweight Willie Pas-trano when the young Ali, then known as Cassius Clay, called their room from a hotel phone to ask if he could have five minutes. Clay, a local Golden Gloves champion, kept asking the men boxing questions in a conversation that lasted 3 1/2 hours, according to Dundee's autobiography, "My View From the Corner: A Life in Boxing."

After Ali returned from Rome with a gold medal at the 1960 Olympics, Dundee ran into him in Louisville and invited him to come to Miami Beach to train. Ali declined. But that December, Dundee got a call from one of Ali's handlers, seeking to hire Dundee. After Ali won his first pro fight, Dundee accepted.

He helped Ali claim the heavyweight title for the first time on Feb. 25, 1964, when Sonny Liston quit on his stool after the sixth round during their fight in Miami Beach.

In an age of boxing when fighter-manager relationships rarely last, Dundee and Ali would never split.

When Cassius Clay angered white America by joining the Black Muslims and become Muhammad Ali, Dundee never wavered. When Ali defied the draft at the height of the Vietnam war, losing 3 1/2 years from the prime of his career, Dundee was there waiting for the heavyweight's return. And when Ali

would make bold projections, spewing poetry that made headlines across the world and gave him the nickname "The Louisville Lip," Dundee never asked him to keep quiet.

"Through all those days of controversy, and the many that followed, Angelo never got involved," Ali wrote in the foreword to Dundee's book. "He let me be exactly who I wanted to be, and he was loyal. That is the reason I love Angelo."

Born Angelo Mirena on Aug. 30, 1921, in south Philadelphia, Dundee's boxing career was propelled largely by his older brother, Chris, a promoter. After returning from World War II - "We won, but not because of anything I did" - he joined Chris in the boxing game in New York, serving as his "gofer" and getting the tag "Chris' kid brother." Angelo and Chris followed another brother Joe, who was a fighter, in changing their surname to Dundee so their parents wouldn't know they worked in boxing.

He learned to tape hands and handle cuts as a corner man in the late 1940s, building his knowledge by watching and learning as a "bucket boy" in New York for trainers like Chickie Ferrara, Charlie Goldman and Ray Arcel among others. Word of Dundee's expertise spread, and seasoned fighters lined up to have him in their corner.

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Enticer 2 set for tomorrow at PauPau Beach

XTERRA Saipan Championship and Tagaman Triathlon participants will have another chance to warm up for next month's races this Saturday with the staging of Enticer 2.

The event will start at 7:30am at PauPau Beach with the swim course, which offers one or two laps. Check-in time is at 6:30am. From the waters of PauPau Beach, participants will head to the swim-bike transition area at the parking lot and can choose to do the Tagaman course (long and short) or the XTERRA trail.

The Tagaman bike long course

(road) will bring riders to Bird Island and Banzai before returning to PauPau Beach, while the short one will take bikers right away to Banzai and back to the starting line. For the XTERRA off-road course, bikers in the short course will turn right up through Marianas Country Club to the million gallon tank, turn left to the FEBC road, turn left down to Middle Road, and turn left again on the way back to PauPau. For the XTERRA long course, after pedaling up to Marianas Country Club to the million gallon tank, riders must turn right and head to Kimi-



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Logan Mister heads to the bike course during last month's Enticer 1.

kaze Trail, turn left and take the paved road to Santati Trail, turn left at the junction (instead of turning right to Cowtown) and take the paved road back to the starting/finish line.

For the third and final leg of Enticer 2—the run race—participants in the Tagaman course can also choose to run the short course from PauPau to Marianas Resort and back or the long one from PauPau to FEBC sign and back. For the XTERRA trail run course, the short route will bring runners up to one million gallon tank and back to PauPau, while for the long race, participants will go to the end of La Fiesta, turn right up to the one million gallon tank, turn left and run along the trail in the opposite direction at the start of the bike course to return to PauPau.

Entrance fee to tomorrow's event is only \$5 and organizers

will be raffling off XTERRA and Tagaman entries after the race.

After Enticer 2, seven more pre-XTERRA/Tagaman races will take place. The list includes the Northern Passage on Feb. 12, XTERRA Trail Run/

Tagaman 10K on Feb. 18, the SSC Meek and Mighty Swim on Feb. 25, Saipan Marathon on March 3, Enticer 3 on March 10, XTERRA course ride on March 17, and the Tagaman course ride on March 18. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

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en. Kagman's Frank Mettao and MHS' Ezra Caro each delivered six points in support to their respective top scorers.

The game was still neck and neck at midpoint with KHS managing a slim 39-38 edge. Both teams spread the ball around well in the second quarter, resulting to six different players from each team scoring in that period.

Then at the start of the second half, the Dolphins regrouped and managed a one-point lead, 52-51, heading into crunch time, thanks largely to the six points of Erick Dela Rosa. Jones was still at it for Kagman in the third and his late three-pointer kept the Ayuyus hot on the trail.

Although the game was played at MHS, the Kagman crowd was making more noise than the Dolphins supporters and the Ayuyus responded well with a big burst of energy late in the game.

Jones was still unstoppable in the final canto, tallying 12 down the homestretch, while Jason Lampkins and Mettao did a good job ripping down rebounds in the clutch and were quick to fire the ball down court to their guards for a handful of fastbreak baskets.

The Dolphins, on the other hand, had issues protecting the ball and struggled finding good looks at the basket in its half court offense, appearing to be hesitant late in the game.

Jones led all scorers with 29, while Darag mustered 26 on the short end after a slow start. Darag was held to 11 markers in the first half, but led the Dolphins last-ditch effort in the fourth quarter with 13, seven of which came from the stripe.

Meanwhile the MHS junior squad romped KHS, 76-38, in last Wednesday's curtain raiser.

The win was the junior Dolphins' third in as many games and moved them in first

place, while fourth ranked KHS absorbed its second loss in three games.

MHS wasted no time doubling up the junior Ayuyus, 18-9, in the opening period. Renen Lansang led the charge with six points.

The junior Dolphins never looked back and trudged ahead at halftime, 38-19, as eight different players contributed on offense. Kagman's Jesse Santos scrambled for nine markers in the first half, but could not get much support from his teammates.

MHS did not let up after the pause as Lixing Dai buried a pair of treys for eight points in the third quarter. From there, MHS boasted a 54-31 advantage heading into the last period and cruised to a win.

Lansang and Dai teamed up for 22 points to top the junior Dolphins, while Santos tallied 22 for Kagman.

The season continues today with Grace Christian Academy's varsity Eagles (0-3) taking on the Knights of Mount Carmel School (0-4) at 4pm, followed by a junior pairing between the Saipan International School Geckos (0-1) and Manta Rays (2-1).

Junior Varsity Game

MHS 76 – Lansang 12, Dai 10, Capuyon 8, DL Guerrero 8, Kwon 6, Yap 6, Floresca 6, Aguilar 4, Ano 4, Manalili 4, Palacios 4, Camacho 2, Malonzo 2.

KHS 38 – Je. Santos 22, Mafnas 8, Jo Santos 5, Reyes 2, Reicaido 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-9, 38-19, 54-31, 76-38.

Varsity Game

KHS 78 – Jones 29, Mettao 15, Lampkins 11, Santiago 8, Del Rosario 5, Taitano 4, Santos 4, Nerro 2.

MHS 72 – Darag 26, Caro 14, Dela Rosa 14, Limes 6, Lacsina 5, Moran 4, Vertudez 2, Francisco 1.

Scoring by quarters: 21-21, 39-38, 51-52, 78-72.

Longest drive, chipping contest at LaoLao



The LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort is opening its new driving range tomorrow with a longest drive and chipping contests scheduled from 4pm to 9pm.

The competition will have both the male and female categories. Entrance fee is set at \$10 per player. Organizers are hoping for at least 50 participants.

The first placer in each category receives 15 coupons that each warrants a free round of golf, which is over \$600 in value. Second placers will be awarded 10 coupons and third placer receive five. Participants have five chances to post their longest drive and five chances to place their chip shots closest to the pin. Men and women will compete against one another in the chipping contest and the Top 3 will each win a brand new wedge from LaoLao's pro shop.

In addition, male participants can also win a free golf coupon if they manage to rest their drives 200 yards or more on the fairway. Females must safely land their drives 180 yards or farther. The ball must land within the fair territory

and only one coupon may be awarded per player.

Food and drinks will also be on sale at happy hour prices throughout the event. Registration starts at 4pm and competition begins right away.

The elimination round takes place from 4pm to 7pm and the Top 5 finishers in each category advance to the 8pm finals.

For more information, call 236-8840. *(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)*

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anese runner Hidekatsu Kuroda (2:51:38). All the Top 6 finishers in the men's division were Japanese runners.

In the women's division, Hirao clocked in at 3:14:09 to foil local bet Mamiko Oshima-Berger's bid to regain the championship the latter won in 2009.

In the half marathon, Saipan and Guam runners split honors

with Amber Sarkkinen winning the women's division crown for the host and Michael Gaitan dominating the men's category. Sarkkinen finished the second longest race of the day in 1:43:57 for her back-to-back titles, while Gaitan debuted in the event with the group's fastest time at 1:20:18.

In the 10K race, Saipan's Noriko Jim had a three-peat in the women's division after clocking in a field's best 43:43 last year. Japanese Takasahi

Aoyama took the men's title for the second straight time with his winning time of 36:36.

Meanwhile, registration (for CNMI and US runners) made on or before Feb. 2 costs only \$55 for the marathon and 50K and \$45 for the half marathon and 10K. Entry fees after Feb. 2 will have an additional \$10, while international rates (for off-island runners) are \$100 for the full marathon and 50K and \$70 for the half marathon and 10K. Interested individuals

have only until 5pm on Feb. 9 to register.

Race packet will be distributed on March 2 at 4:30 pm at the American Memorial Park, while the full marathon and 50K will begin at 4:30am on March 3, followed by the half marathon and 10K events.

For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com or <http://japan.mymarianas.com/saipan-marathon/> or contact Ed Diaz at ediaz@mymarianas.com or 1-670-664-3200/1.

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Daniel Lim, and Jake Lee, midfielders Andrew Johnson, Sam Soledad, Dakota Hall, Angelo Jones, Jordan Butcher, and Ryota Ito, and defenders John Taisacan, Kennedy Izuka, John Masga, and Kaisei Toda.

"This tournament will be a big boost on MPU U15 Team as we will be playing against tough teams. Some of our players had already experienced competing abroad and when they come back they see things differently and begin to work harder in their games and practice more. This will also be a good training for MPU U15 since the NMIFA fall season is coming up this month. We have 10 former CNMI U15 National Team players who played against the Guam U15 National Team in last EAFF Tournament in Taipei so they are so excited to face them again because the level of game is very high," Del Rosario said.

Del Rosario's wards will be facing the Guam U15 team this Sunday at 11am after their debut game against the U14 Islanders

tomorrow at 3:30pm.

MP United's U12 team will be the first group to compete in the Club Challenge as it duels the Wings at 9am tomorrow, the Sidekicks at 2pm, and the Strykers at 5pm. Joel Jimenez will coach the MP United U12 squad with Lydia Tan serving as assistant and team manager. The team is composed of captain Moris Villanueva, goalkeeper Colin Ramsey and Ba Da Lee, defenders Gee Syu Hahn, Tae Kim II, Wataru Tajima, and Sung Wook Hong, and midfielders Clayton Izuka, Kentaro Kitagawa, Alex Pak, Amir Abes, Sun Joon Tenorio, and Steven Kim.

After its three games tomorrow, MP United U12 will have its fourth and final match in the tournament on Sunday against the Wings at 9am.

MP United's U18 squad will have only two games with the first one versus the Guam U14 National Team A at 5pm tomorrow and the second and last against Team B on Sunday at 1pm.

Coach Brad Ruszala said although they will be facing much younger squads, skills-wise they may evenly match-up with

the two Guam teams.

"It will be a close game and a great soccer match," said Ruszala, who will be pinning his hopes on team captain Seong Joon Lee, Nam Ki Kim, Moon Bin Hong, Dae Min Jeon, Jin Han Yoon, Joshua Borja, Greg Kim, Jewong Hwan Kim, Bob Kim, Clay McCullough-Stearns, Chris Camacho, Yong Jun Jeon, and Evert Van Der Maaas.

Co-captain and MP United forward Yi Shan Wang will miss the trip due to travel document problems, but he let his teammates bring his jersey in Guam so he can still be with them in spirit.

Joining the IT&E and IP&E-supported MP United squads in the Guam trip are club president Vickie Izuka, U15 support group members Michelle Masga and Amy Taylor, and youth referees Rachel Masga and Quintin Ramsey.

"This is MPU's second time to send traveling teams. The first trip was hosted by Vivid Blue in Japan for our U14 Select Team four years ago. Our officers, players, and their families have taken active roles in fundraising for this trip the past months

and through their dedication and hard work and the generous support of many local businesses and individuals, the trip has finally become a reality. This is a very special time for MPU as the club decided to re-activate the Select Team program just a few months ago," Izuka said.

"We are also very grateful to the Guam Football Association and its staff, coaches, member clubs, and referee committee for extending this invitation and organizing this wonderful opportunity and to NMIFA for their support of MPU," she added.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ed Salas on behalf of NMIFA wished MP United good luck.

"This is a great opportunity for our young players to compete against competitive teams from Guam and this can only improve their skills and knowledge of the game. Playing in an artificial turf will be different as I'm sure the ball will travel much faster, but it'll be good for them. Wishing your select squads all the best of luck in the friendly matches," Salas said.

(73/80-153), and Ben Jones (77/82-159) brought up the rear.

About a dozen players turned out for each event, which drew newcomers Sasamoto, Carl Hocog and Ben Jones Jr. There are now 26 Amigo members and new players are always welcome. Next month's Amigo qualifier will be announced later. The combined net scores of each month's qualifier and final round determine the Ace winners. Both men and women compete against one another in a handicap-based net scoring system.

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5th Marianas Coffee Trail Run

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More than 50 runners head to the course during last Saturday's 5th Marianas Coffee Trail Run.



Kento Akimaru, Lennosuke Susuki, and Lyn Tenorio near completion of the 10K race.



From left, Jude Loste, Norma Ada, and Mars Mongami, leave the starting line at the American Memorial Park.



Florence Antonio celebrates his runner-up finish in the men's 20K race.



Youth runners Kaisei Toda, right, and Andrew Johnson, left, are among the last wave of participants to head to the course.



Four runners make their way to the finish line.



Overall top finisher (20K) Charles Epperson gestures as he nears the finish line.



Mieko Carey smiles as she is a few feet away from the finish line.



Tatsuhiko Chubachi runs along the paved walkway at the American Memorial Park.

NMBA Gym will be temporarily closed due to the installation of taraflex flooring. The renovation of the badminton courts will be completed by February 12, 2012. For the meantime, members and players will be using the Gillette Multipurpose Gym for badminton practices starting February 1, 2012.

Northern Marianas Badminton Association
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
(Morning practices)

6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
(Evening practices)

2012 Men's B Futsal League
6:00 PM
CTSI Puzakals Versus NewsMakers

7:00 PM
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Ayuyus stun Dolphins in MISO caging

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Kagman High School snapped Marianas High School's winning run in the varsity division of the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Basketball League, following the Ayuyus' 78-72 upset of the Dolphins last Wednesday night at the MHS Gymnasium.



Kagman now has a 3-1 record to tie MHS in second place and move a win behind the league-leading Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays (4-1).

The varsity tiff was a hot ticket as the match remained deadlocked at 21-all after the opening 10 minutes.

Joshua Jones led the Ayuyus' attack in the first period with his eight points, while John Darag paced the Dolphins with sev-

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Kagman High School's Jason Lampkins takes a shot from the post against Marianas High School's Ezra Caro during their varsity game in the MISO caging last Wednesday night at the MHS Gymnasium.

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MP United off to Guam tournament

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MP United Football Club will be sending three teams to the Club Challenge Guam 2012 that will be played this weekend at the newly built Guam Football Association artificial fields in Harmon.

The Typhoons are fielding their boys U12, U15, and U18 squads in the two-day competition, which will

feature GFA clubs Wings, Sidekicks, Islanders, Strykers and Guam's U14 and U15 national teams.

MP United's U15 traveling team will have a 16-player roster and will be coached by Norman Del Rosario and managed by Betty Johnson. Carrying the cudgels for the club's U15 squad is captain and forward Jehn Joyner, who will be joined by co-captain and defender Enrico Villanueva, goalkeepers Julian Pellegrino and Gregzon Fontanilla, forwards

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MP United U15's Jehn Joyner kicks the ball, while MP United U18's Moon Bin Hong looks on during last month's FA Challenge Cup at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last Saturday. Both teams are heading to Guam this weekend for a two-day competition.

Bigger, longer race in Saipan Marathon



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Participants in last year's Saipan Marathon head to the course.

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Next month's 7th Saipan Marathon is expected to draw more than 900 runners with the addition of one more race in the annual competition.

The organizing Marianas Visitors Authority estimates 950 runners to show up in the March 3 race and surpass last year's record entry of

833 individuals.

"The Saipan Marathon just keeps gaining momentum every year," MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas. "For 2012, we're expecting 150 more runners than last year and are adding a 50K course to entice 'ultra-marathoners.' Registration this year will close on Feb. 9 to ensure all preparations are made and the race goes smoothly on race day."

A lot of Japanese runners, including the group of popular Japanese come-

dian and CNMI Tourism Ambassador Kanpei Hazama, are expected to join the morning race, which will still have the full marathon (26.2 mi./42.195km), half marathon (13.1 mi./21.1km), and 10K (6.2 miles) events.

Last year, Japanese runners were victorious in the marathon races with Satoshi Emoto and Noriko Hirao ruling the men's and women's divisions. Emoto timed in at two hours, 44 minutes, and 52 seconds to beat fellow Jap-

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Joe Sablan Jr. takes Amigo January Ace

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Red-hot golfer Joe Sablan Jr. claimed the Amigo Golf Club's January Ace after topping the group's monthly tournament last Sunday at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

Coincidentally, Sablan Jr. finished January's qualifier round last month also at Kingfisher in first place with a net 65, which was adjusted from his gross card of 73. In Sunday's fi-

nal round, Sablan remained consistent with his ball striking and timely putting, as he bagged the group's first Ace of the Month honors for the 2012 season. Sablan finished Sunday's round with a raw score of 75 that worked into a 68 net score. His combined net tally of 133 was five strokes ahead of January's runner-up Doll Yamagishi. Yamagishi ended up with a 73 net score in the qualifier after posting a 97 gross count and adding her 65 last Saturday gave her a net 138.

Notably, Sablan Jr. has been on his **See JOE on Page 30**



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Joe Sablan Jr., far right, joins other Amigo Golf Club members for a group photo taken during the 2011 Ace of Aces finale event last month at Coral Ocean Point Resort Club.